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FLOOD DISASTER IN GLASGOW AREA.

OVER 2,000 HOUSES SUBMERGED BUS PASSENGERS TRAPPED.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Jan. 4.
More than two thousand families are homeless in Glasgow and the West of Scotland as a result of the sudden flooding of the River Clyde and Cart.

In the Cathcart District, houses are flooded to a depth of 4 ft. and many distressing scenes were witnessed.

Many of the families in this region found themselves marooned in their homes. Numerous terrified children have been carried into a region of safety by the police.

At Paisley, many houses are under water and the occupants, having no warning of the impending flood, were cut off.

The majority were obliged to swim to safety through bitterly cold water.

At the East End of Glasgow, motor-buses endeavoured to drive their way through the flood to safety and were brought to a standstill with the water high above the engine level.

The water steadily rose and the passengers and bus employees were in grave peril for their lives.

When their plight was discovered, it was found necessary to cut the tops of the marooned buses in order to extricate the imprisoned occupants.

Kilmarnock suffered the worst of all the centres affected by the flood. More than seven hundred were not only rendered homeless, but were rescued only after great difficulty.

The rapidly rising waters endangered the electric supply station. The engineers hung on at the station as long as possible, but eventually were obliged to abandon their posts.

In consequence a large area was plunged into darkness last night.

S. AFRICA BEGIN HEAVY TASK.

CHRISTY-MITCHELL PARTNERSHIP.

NOW NEED 329.

Melbourne, Jan. 5.
The last Australian wicket fell this morning without any addition to the overnight total in the Third Test. Ironmonger was clean bowled by Quinn without opening his score. The wicket saved Quinn from a no-wicket analysis. In the total of 554, Vincent took 4 for 154, McMillan took 4 for 150, Quinn 1 for 113 and Bell 1 for 101.

South Africa went in a second time needing 395 runs to win and suffered the loss of Currow early on. At lunch-time, however, they had made 66 for 1, the scores being:

Australia:—198 and 554.	
South Africa:—385.	
Second Innings.	
Currow, b Grimmett.....	9
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Christy not out.....	34
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Dr. Alfred Sze, taken in Paris on the occasion of the Council meeting which caused his overstrain.

Dr. Sze Off For Rest Cure.

NERVE TROUBLE AFTER PARIS.

London, Jan. 4.
Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister in London, who was obliged to spend some days in a nursing home in Paris after the League Council meeting, and subsequently left for the English countryside to recuperate, returned to London yesterday.

A medical examination, however, shows that Dr. Sze is in a nervous condition requiring several months' holiday.

It is now Dr. Sze's intention to depart on January 9 for Malaga, possibly continuing his journey into North Africa in search of the sun.

Router understands that Dr. Sze, fearing a lengthy absence from London, has requested the Chinese Government to appoint a substitute to take over charge of the Chinese Legation.—Reuter.

BURMA PLENARY SESSION.

MEETING EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

London, Jan. 4.
The Burma Round Table Conference in London to-day began consideration in committee of the report prepared by its Chairman, Lord Peel, on the work of the Conference up to date. When consideration is completed, the report, with such amendments as may be necessary, will be sent to the plenary session, probably next week, when it is anticipated the Prime Minister will make a statement to the Conference.—British Wireless.

DEMOCRATS SEEK LOWER TARIFFS.

INTERNATIONAL MOVE SUGGESTED.

Washington, Jan. 4.
The Democratic Tariff Committee to-day agreed to a Tariff Bill which, it is understood, authorizes President Hoover to call an international economic conference to promote a lowering of international tariffs.—Reuter's American Service.

CONGRESS SET UP ON "WAR FOOTING." Disturbances at Cawnpore, Allahabad and Calcutta

NEW PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

TWO-YEAR SENTENCE ON YOUNGER NEHRU.

INDIA'S IMMEDIATE reaction to the arrest of Gandhi has been less violent than might have been feared. Disturbances have occurred in a number of storm centres, but the mobs were dispersed without much difficulty and the only casualties reported occurred in a stampede.

Following the proscription of the Working Committee of Congress, the new President, Mr. Pradas has been arrested. The swiftness of the Government's actions has apparently surprised Congress, which is hastily forming "War Cabinets"—to operate successively as their predecessors are roped in by the long arm of the law—and enrolling Volunteers for the resumption of Civil Disobedience.

CURFEW ORDER AT CAWNPORE.

Bombay, Jan. 4.
The authorities are believed to be pursuing a steady campaign for the purpose of breaking up the Congress organisation. Rajendranath Prasad, appointed by Vallabhai Patel to succeed him as President of Congress, was arrested at Patna to-day.
Congress circles in Bombay expect the arrests of two hundred local workers to occur in the next day or two.

Already a long list of successive "War Cabinets" have been prepared, and in the meantime Congress is being established on a "war footing."
Volunteers enrolled will receive only their food and their uniform, but will not receive a payment of six annas daily as on the last occasion. The Volunteers will be billeted in residences throughout the city.

Protection For British

"Absolute protection must be given to every Englishman, English woman and child, whether official or not," reads a statement which Gandhi left behind giving directions as to the policy of the Congress after his arrest.

In a message to the United States, he says: "India wants now what India has wanted all along—Independence in your American sense of the term; not whittled or shackled independence, but a real thing with such safeguards as Indians deem proper, fitting and honourable."

"A Habit They Have."

The British may jail me again, but I am a habit. They have not my soul. My spirit and that of tens of thousands of others goes marching on.
What manifold millions have set their hearts upon they will, they must ultimately get. We Indians want to attain our hearts' desire by peaceful methods, not by war. But we shall not shrink from the issue if it is forced upon us.
There are not enough jails in all India to hold our people, disobedience having been decided upon. Even Britain cannot jail a whole people.
Demonstrations following the arrest of Gandhi have occurred in many cities throughout India.

Allahabad Casualties.

At Allahabad to-day, two persons were killed and several injured in the crush of a huge crowd while the police were dispersing a prohibited procession demonstrating over Gandhi's incarceration.

Thirty arrests were made, including the brother-in-law of Jawahar Lal Nehru.
Jawahar Lal Nehru was to-day sentenced at Ahmedabad to two years' rigorous imprisonment for disobeying an order that he was not to leave the city boundaries.

Disturbances also occurred at Cawnpore and Calcutta, where the police carried out a series of lathi charges.
It was considered necessary to impose a curfew order at Cawnpore.
Twenty arrests were effected at New Delhi for unlawful picketing.—Reuter and N.E.A.

TIMBER BLAZE ON MAINLAND.

CONTENTS OF YARD DESTROYED

Fire broke out in a timber-yard at Ping Street, Talkotsai, in the early hours of this morning, and before it could be got under control, the contents of nearly the whole yard, together with an adjoining matchless, were burned down.

The Tsimshatsui Fire Station received a call at 3.13 a.m. and an engine was sent out to the scene, in addition to two others from the Mongkok Station. Messrs. Saunders and Cash, of Tsimshatsui and Mongkok respectively, were in charge.

On arrival, the firemen found that the flames had got a firm hold of the yard, a quantity of the timber being already alight. Another appliance was sent for from Tsimshatsui and with this additional aid, the outbreak was subdued by 3.45 a.m.

The place was smouldering until about 5.30 a.m. when there was definitely no fear of the blaze breaking out again.

The site was occupied by the Chan Tak Cheong timber-yard, having a length of about 120 feet and a breadth of 80 feet. The place, it is understood, has been insured for \$2,000.

It is believed that some sparks set alight a small shed nearby and the flames spread to the timber-yard.

NO DIPHTHERIA CASES.

CLEAN SHEET THIS MORNING.

No fresh cases of diphtheria were reported between 5 p.m. yesterday and noon to-day, according to the records of the Medical Officer of Health.

During yesterday there were five new notifications, but as was suggested by Dr. Pope, the "mistake" contacts are not so numerous as might have been expected.



Gandhi spending his time at Poona Gaol spinning. Photo was taken during his previous incarceration in 1930. He has resumed occupation of his old quarters.

CONGRESS BID FOR CONTROL.

CAUSES OF NEW CRISIS IN INDIA ANALYSED.

London, Jan. 4.
THE arrest of Gandhi, on whose advice the Indian Congress has determined upon a renewal of the civil disobedience movement, indicates that firm action is to be taken to preserve order in India.

It is authoritatively stated that Government of India, with the full approval of His Majesty's Government, will use all its statutory powers to combat what is, in effect, a challenge to the Government in carrying out its most elementary responsibilities.

The ground for the action of the Government, apart from the Prime Minister's announcement at the end of the Round Table Conference, which Congress regards as wholly inadequate, but which was accepted by the Round Table Conference itself as promising further fruitful negotiations, are the Ordinances which the Government of India have recently put into force to cope with grave emergencies in three provinces.

The Bengal Ordinances give the Provincial Government the powers necessary to protect their officials and the public against a widespread and dangerous terrorist conspiracy.

Defences Imperilled.

In the North West Frontier Province, a movement aiming at complete independence is in being which seriously endangers peace and order within the province and gravely imperils the defences of India at its most critical point.

Its leaders have rejected the proposals of the British Government for constitutional advance in the Province, though those proposals had the approval of all parties of the Round Table Conference, and, to further their ends, they are endeavouring to exploit the economic distress and to embroil the unstable and warlike tribes of the frontier.

Special measures in both provinces are clearly necessary so long as such activities last.

The No-Rent Campaign.

In the United Provinces, a campaign has been set on foot by the local branches of Congress with the object of inducing the peasantry, who make up the great bulk of the population, to withhold their rents, out of which a large part of the Government Revenue is paid. Here again economic distress is being exploited.

But the United Provinces Government have fully recognised the difficulties of the cultivator arising from the worldwide fall in prices and on the recommendation of a committee consisting mainly of elected representatives of the

HEAVY FIGHTING AT LIENSHAN.

CHINESE AGAIN IN RETREAT.

EUGENE CHEN'S WAR CRY.

Tientsin, Jan. 5.
Although their ranks were finally broken, two regiments of Chang Hsueh-liang's troops in Manchuria are reported to have given a good account of themselves in a fifteen-hour battle with Japanese forces at Lienshan, yesterday morning.

Chinese sources, while admitting heavy losses, claim that severe casualties were inflicted on the Japanese.

The survivors of the Manchurian troops are now trying to fight their way through to Ichow, where the Manchurian Government has established its new headquarters, but the Japanese are striking swiftly on their heels and many have been disarmed.

New Japanese Objective.

Other Japanese troops are reported to be progressing rapidly down the Peking-Mukden Railway, which is hopelessly disorganised, with Shanhaikwan as their objective.

The Chinese main army has retired from Chinchow, northwards, being concentrated at Ichow and Chaoyang. Japanese aeroplanes, reconnoitring, have already appeared at Suichunshan.

Chinese Concentration.

They were merely observation planes and made no attempt to bomb the town. The Peking-Mukden Railway trains are not proceeding further from Peking and Tientsin than Shanhaikwan. A heavy concentration of Chinese troops is proceeding at Luan-chow, in Chihli, a few miles to the south of Shanhaikwan.—Reuter.

Foreign Minister's Statement.

Nanking, Jan. 5.
The following statement was issued yesterday by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Eugene Chen:

"In defiance of the will of the civilised world as expressed in the decisions of the League of Nations, the Japanese militarists have created a situation in Manchuria which is indistinguishable from a state of war."

"It is the task of the new Government in China to end this state of war."

"Pending this, the Government will insist on the orders already despatched to Chang Hsueh-liang to defend Chinchow at all costs, even though defeat is inevitable."

"Defeat may renew the strength and power of a people even as a brutal victory may debase a nation and lower its character and moral stature in the judgment of man." (Signed) Eugene Chen.—Sino News Service.

QUIET EXCHANGE MARKET.

SILVER DOWN IN AMERICA.

Dull conditions continue to prevail on the Hongkong exchange market, the dollar being unchanged at 1s. 5.5/16d. on demand.

Silver is up 1/16th in London, both spot and forward. The Continent were small buyers, but there was little business on a quiet market. After the official fixing, the market ruled dull, America being inclined to sell.

In New York, silver has dropped 1/8th, while the cross-rate is down to 3.57 1/2.

Shanghai, like Hongkong, is dull, with practically no business passing.

The sixth annual sports meeting of the Volunteer Defence Corps is to be held at the Club de Recreation grounds on the 23rd instant. Entries close to-day. Hon. Secretary of the Sports Committee on the 14th instant.

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CANTON STREET OUTRAGE.

JAPANESE VISITOR MURDERED.

Canton, Jan. 4.
A Japanese named Yoshihiro Torao has been murdered here. He came by train from Kowloon to Canton, arriving in Canton about 7 o'clock on the evening of December 31. While in a ricksha proceeding towards Shameen he was set upon by a gang and beaten down. He succumbed to his injuries about 10 o'clock the same night at the French Hospital.

The scene of the murder was almost exactly opposite the door of the old British Boycott Headquarters at the East Garden. From the fact that the unfortunate man was dressed in Japanese costume it is thought that he was unaware of the high state of feeling against his countrymen in Canton.

Evidently he was a traveller for pleasure and all that is known about the man is his name and the fact that he came from Osaka via Formosa and Hongkong. This is shown by cards and letters in his pocket.

Redress has been demanded of the Chinese Government by the Japanese Consul-General Mr. Suma. A representative of the press was informed by the Consul-General that it is hoped that the Chinese Government will settle the case on a just, humanitarian basis but if it does not show any disposition to make an adjustment, the case will be serious.

Foochow Murder.

Foochow, Jan. 4.
The commander and an officer of the Japanese cruiser stationed here were assaulted in West Park and both wounded.

A Japanese teacher and his wife were murdered last night outside the Japanese Club by unknown persons, presumably communists.

Chinese Version.

The two Japanese naval officers were injured during an anti-Japanese demonstration. Chinese reports allege that the students were roused to fury by the sight of a camera in the possession of one of the naval officers. The wounded Japanese were accompanied by Chinese Police officers who brought them to safety at the Police Station.

For six hours the students surrounded the Police Station demanding that the Provincial Government protest to the Japanese Consulate.

In a report to the Nanking Government the Foochow authorities state that the misunderstanding and the assault were due to the fact that the Japanese officers were not in uniform and their position was therefore not known to the students.

Warships Sent.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.
Three destroyers have been ordered to sail from Sasebo to Foochow, where the cruiser Kikuzumi has already landed a hundred blue-jackets to protect Japanese lives and property.

British Troops.

London, Jan. 4.
Reuter learns that there is no truth in a statement that British troops have been ordered to Chin-chow.

Lord Lytton has not yet replied to the invitation to be chairman of the League's Manchurian Commission.

Possible Demand.

Paris, Jan. 4.
Mr. Hoo's departure to Geneva to-day is regarded as significant of a possible Chinese demand for immediate convocation of the League Council as a result of the Chin-chow occupation.

The possibility of such a request has always been entertained in Chinese League circles.

Mr. Hoo will be remaining at Geneva until the Council meeting on January 25, unless a special meeting be convened at Paris earlier.

THE ART OF THE CAMERA.

UNIVERSITY FINE EXHIBITION.

Encouraged by the success of its first three exhibitions, the committee of the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Club has this year taken the bold step of inviting some of the leading American exhibitors to display their work in the annual exhibition which opened yesterday at the University, and the success of the innovation cannot be doubted.

The display of photographic art is probably of the finest ever seen in Hongkong, and although, somewhat naturally, local competitors found their work slightly inferior to the overseas invaders in the open classes, the competition is bound to provide the necessary incentive to bigger and better efforts on the part of local amateurs.

New-Standard Set.

The exhibition this year sets quite a new standard in pictorial art, and in all four classes, Landscape, Genre, Still Life and Portraiture, the work is of the highest possible order. From the American and English exhibitors come some entirely new technique and their displays yesterday were the source of much admiration. But local competitors have revealed a vast improvement, and in view of the difficulties of obtaining variety of paper and applying special preparations to their pictures, their exhibits can be regarded as being exceedingly fine.

Several Famous Photographers.

There are no less than 65 exhibitors, who are showing over 400 pictures. Among them is Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the President of the Club, while American and English competitors include such well-known men as Dr. Max Thorek, E. J. G. Schermerhorn, Edward P. McMurty, Frank K. Fraple, A. J. Pandian, Fred P. Peel, A. C. Brooks, Franklin I. Jordan and J. N. Unwalla.

Entries this year have come from America, England, Java, Malaya, Japan and Dutch East Indies, and next year it is hoped to extend invitations to participate in the exhibition to the Continent.

In view of the keen competition resulting from the exhibiting by such well known amateur photographers as those mentioned above, the task of the judges was in no way lightened, but they carried out their onerous task with great success and their awards are certain to meet with general favour. Those who were responsible for judging the entries were Mr. E. A. Von Kohza, Mrs. M. O. Pfister, and Mr. K. W. Khoo.

The Organisers.

The work of organising the exhibition was again efficiently performed by the officials and committee of the Club, among them being the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall (President), Mr. C. Y. Yap (Chairman), Mr. K. D. Ling (Secretary), Mr. T. W. Goh (Treasurer) and Messrs. K. W. Khoo, F. Y. Khoo, F. S. Fernando and V. Enok (committee).

The exhibition will be open daily in the University Union Hall until Saturday, when the prizes will be presented.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Landscape.
Open competition, Advanced class.—1st. Back Street in Rouen, Fred P. Peel; 2nd. Ice Shore, L. H. Longwell; 3rd. Early Morning, Edmund B. Lucas.

Beginners Class.—1st. Bench Curves Kwok Kung Kan; 2nd. Reflections, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 3rd. The Boatman, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Portraiture.

Open competition advanced class.—1st. Mehelli J. N. Unwalla, F.R.S.A., A.R.P.S. 2nd. A soft and pens'vo grace, A. C. of thought upon her face.

J. N. Unwalla F.R.S.A., A.R.P.S. 3rd. Peeping Tom, P. A. Dragon. Beginners Class.—1st. Companions in Adversity, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

H. Kotewall; 2nd. Cyril Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 3rd. Portrait, Chan Koon Pak.

Genre Open Competition.
Advanced Class.—1st. Kiss, Divine J. N. Unwalla, F.R.S.A., A.R.P.S.; 2nd. Children's Corner, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; 3rd. Solo Moderne, Dr. Max Thorek, F.R.P.S. Beginners Class.—1st. Little Mother, H. C. Goh; 2nd. The Trio, Tay Gen Tin; 3rd. Gathering, Firewood, Chan Koon Pak.

Still Life Open Competition.
Advanced Class.—1st. Still Life, C. W. Clarke; 2nd. Twine, C. W. Clarke; 3rd. Specs, Edouard C. Kopp.

Beginners Class.—1st. Sieve, Mme. Choong Yin Weng; 2nd. Flower Study, Mme. Choong Yin Weng.

Landscape Members Competition.
Advanced Class.—1st. The Twilight Deepens, P. A. Dragon; 2nd. The Storm Approaches, P. A. Dragon.

Beginners Class.—1st. Reflections, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 2nd. The Boatman, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Portraiture Members Competition.
Advanced Class.—1st. Peeping Tom, P. A. Dragon; 2nd. Joseph Ah Fatt, No. 2, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; 3rd. Joseph Ah Fatt, No. 1, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.

Beginners Class.—1st. Companions in Adversity, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 2nd. Cyril Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Genre Members Competition.
Advanced Class.—1st. Children's Corner, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.

LOCAL WEDDING.

P. W. D. OFFICIAL MARRIED.

The marriage took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon of Miss May Biddick, second daughter of Mrs. E. J. Biddick of "Rotholme," Padstow, Cornwall, and the late Mr. F. Biddick, and Mr. Eric Frank Buttress, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buttress of Harpenden, Herts. The Rev. N. V. Halward officiated. Mr. F. Mason was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. E. S. Carter, wore a dress of blue shadow lace and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and roses. The matron of honour was Mrs. H. T. Cressy.

Mr. R. H. Woodman performed the duties of best man.

Following the ceremony at the Cathedral a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel. The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy proposed the toast to the happy couple. The honeymoon is being spent in the Colony, the bride leaving the Hotel in a brown gown with coat and hat to match.

2nd. A Worker at Stone, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; 3rd. At Play, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.

Beginners Class.—1st. Little Mother, H. C. Goh.

Still Life Members Competition.
Advanced Class.—1st. The Tryst, P. A. Dragon.

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FRENCH VISITOR.

MAY HAVE TALKS WITH BRITISH MINISTERS.

London, Jan. 4.

M. Borthelot, the Secretary General of the French Foreign Office, is in London on a short visit to the French Art Exhibition, which opens at the Royal Academy to-day.

It is anticipated that while in London he will have informal conversations with British Ministers regarding current political problems.—British Wireless.

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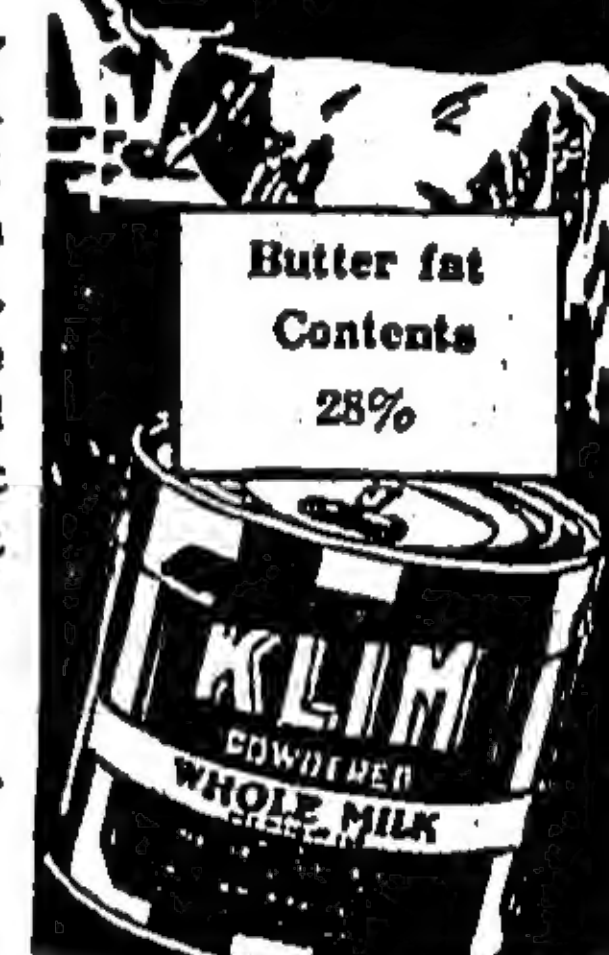


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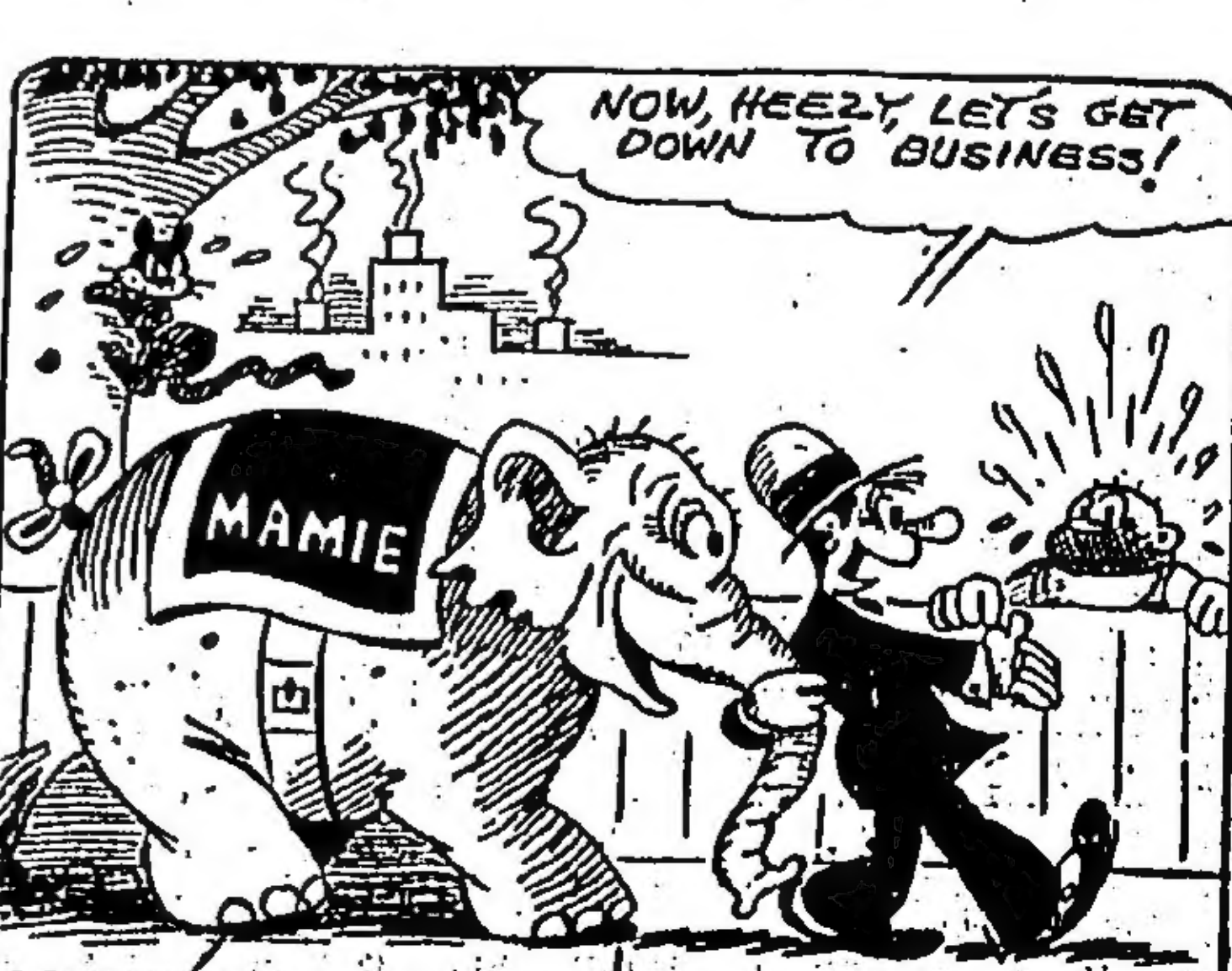
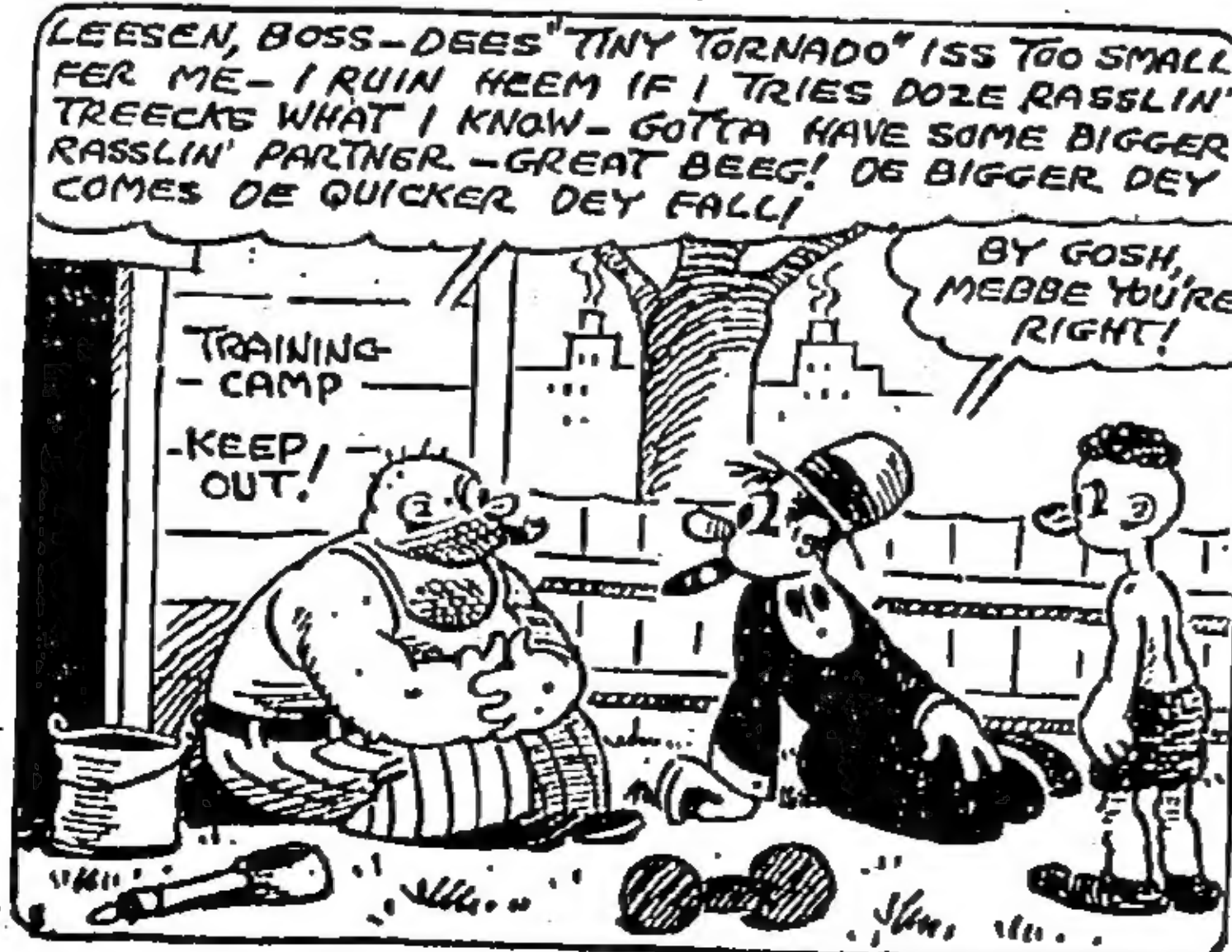
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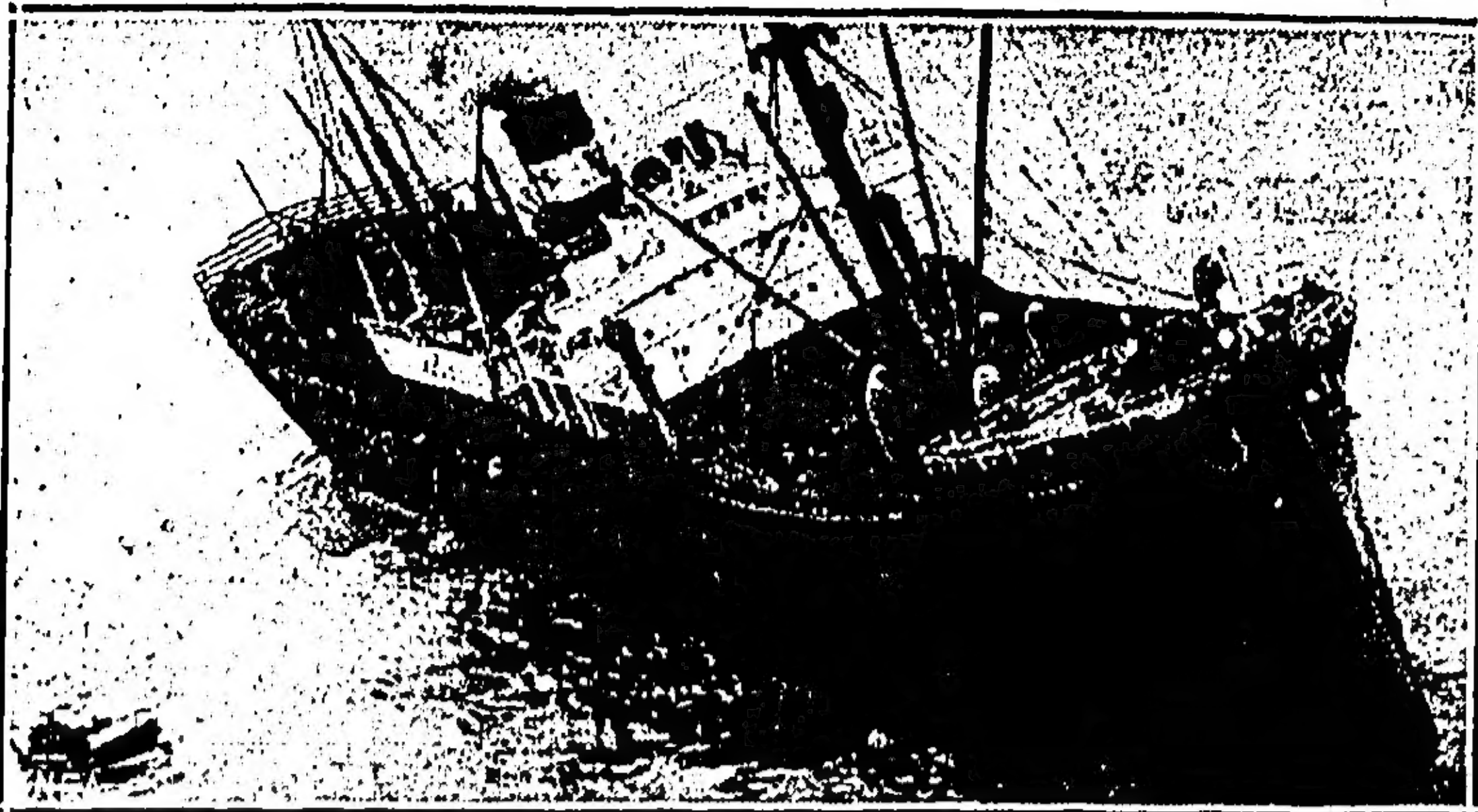


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George F. Barlow, farmer of Greenwich, Conn., has discovered an outcropping of gold bearing granite on his 85 acre farm. Ores assaying less than \$4.75 a ton. He is shown washing a piece of ore.

Gems of Peril

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is rubbed and worried during the engagement party she gave for her secretary, Mary Harkness. The thief fails to get the famous Jupiter necklace. Suspicion points to Mary's brother, Eddie, who is killed by a car as he goes to work. Police drop the case, believing Eddie guilty. Bowen, police reporter for the Star, conducts a private investigation. He discovers a racetrack crook called The Fly in whom Eddie owed money. Eddie's coat, found in the house, is recognized by the butler as one worn by a "tail-crasher." He cleared the night of the murder.

Mary's fiance, Dirk Harkness, believes Eddie guilty and forbids her to see Bowen, fearing further publicity. They quarrel but make up and plan to marry at once. Mary meets Bowen in a speakeasy where The Fly is said to be hiding. Dirk comes to take her home. He is on his way to lock up the Jupiter necklace in his office safe. Dirk proves The Fly is not there. Mary cleans the necklace about her throat just as three strangers enter.

They leave, followed by Bowen, who fears an attempt on the necklace. Dirk does not. The two men quarrel. Just as Dirk locks up the necklace there is a crash in the street outside.

CHAPTER XXI.

"What is it? What is it?" Mary whispered, trying vainly to see into the street from the other side of the window. Her view was cut off by a cornice. Dirk was leaning far out to get a clear view of what happened. He waved one hand as a signal to keep quiet. To the waiting girl the suspense was agonizing. Angry voices floated up and various bumps and thuds, as of a weary car settling to rest.

He pulled his head in and shut the window quietly before speaking.

"Just that blamed idiot, Bowen, and his rattletrap," he said disgustedly. "Somebody's smacked into him. Looks as if he'd tried to turn around, and they rammed into him amidstships." He shook his head wonderingly. "Of all the prize boobies—Come on, let's go down and look at the wreck-age."

He looked about the room, tried the lock on the safe-door to make sure it was fastened, turned off the light, locked the door, and they trotted downstairs.

Mary was worried. "Do you suppose he's hurt?"

"Couldn't see," Dirk said. "Hope they didn't hurt our car. Guess not. It's further up the street."

As they came out into the street there was the sound of footsteps running, drawn by the magnet of an accident. A policeman was visible, pounding along at the lower end of the block, his night-stick snapping against his leg as he ran. Bowen was no where to be seen, but the street was completely blocked at the upper end by his car, up-ended and lying on its side. Jammed into it on the other side, like a locomotive whose cow-catcher has scooped up a mass of debris, was a black limousine with platinum trimmings.

As Mary and Dirk started forward, the limousine's engine roared in reverse, freed itself from the quivering mass of metal which was Bowen's machine, and shot backward out of Nassau street, stopped, shot ahead toward Broadway and was gone. Not even the enraged policeman's command to stop had any effect. He pulled his gun, but forebore shooting, apparently because of the people who came running from all directions.

Mary stopped stock still under the shock of the realization that came to her.

"Dirk! Dirk!" she screamed suddenly. "That was the car that killed Eddie!"

Dirk stopped running a second, long enough to stare at her dumb-founded, then raced on. A weaving, unsteady figure was crawling into view from under the tangle of leatherette and canvas that was the top of his car. He had just gained his feet and was looking in the direction taken by the departed limousine when Dirk reached him.

Mary saw him wringing one hand and cursing whole-heartedly. Between curses he struck the injured finger in his mouth and sucked it. Apparently it was the only injury he had suffered.

"What the—holy—jumping—!" He broke off as he saw Mary's white anxious face at his elbow. "Hello, Ruyther, I'm all right. Let's get out of here—leave this wreck where it is. She'll never travel again."

But there were explanations to be given the big, breathless policeman first.

"What were you tryin' to do, turn around in the middle of the block?" he accused, after inspecting the position of the wrecked car. Bowen took his abuse without a word of self-defence. Mary burned with indignation but Bowen only listened with what she could have sworn was a satisfied smile on his face.

"Yes, you're right, officer. All my fault," he kept repeating. "Anybody see the number of that car?" the policeman asked loudly. The curious crowd began to babble all together, but nobody could give a connected story.

"It was SN and something—'Naw, it was 3Y'—The policeman closed his book in disgust. "On your way, all of ye!" He swung his stick menacingly.

When they had scattered, he came up to Dirk.

"Did you see it?" he asked.



Ronald Colman, below, the British screen star, is in France where he is reported to be planning to file suit for divorce from Thelma Ray, above, British actress. They have been separated since 1926. Miss Ray, shown at the top, is not expected to contest the action.

"No. We just came up. That's my car down there," Dirk answered negligently.

"Tell him," Mary whispered. "Tell him about the car—you know—"

Before another word could be said Bowen jostled between them, giving Mary an unmistakable jab in the ribs with his elbow. The jab wounded her, and the surprise took the words out of her open mouth.

He took the officer aside and they held brief confab. Bowen's police-card helped to smooth matters over. Dirk's quick "Sah," kept Mary from making any further attempt to speak of the other car. Puzzled but quiescent, she let him lead her back to the coupe.

His animosity toward Bowen seemed to have melted abruptly. Presently Bowen and the policeman parted, and Bowen came straight to their car.

"Where do you want to go?" Climb in," Dirk invited.

"No, I can get a cab," Bowen's voice sounded sly.

"Climb in," Dirk commanded. Mary moved closer to Dirk and Bowen obediently climbed in on the other side. "Let's get away from here," he said.

Uptown they sped for some time without a word spoken. Dirk was first to break the silence.

"So you're the kind of a driver who turns around in the middle of the block, in a street that's too narrow to turn around in," he said.

Mary bit her lip, vexed that he could continue quarrelling after what had happened.

But Bowen laughed. "Yep, that's me," he said.

"I owe you something for that," Dirk said. "What'll it be, a new car?"

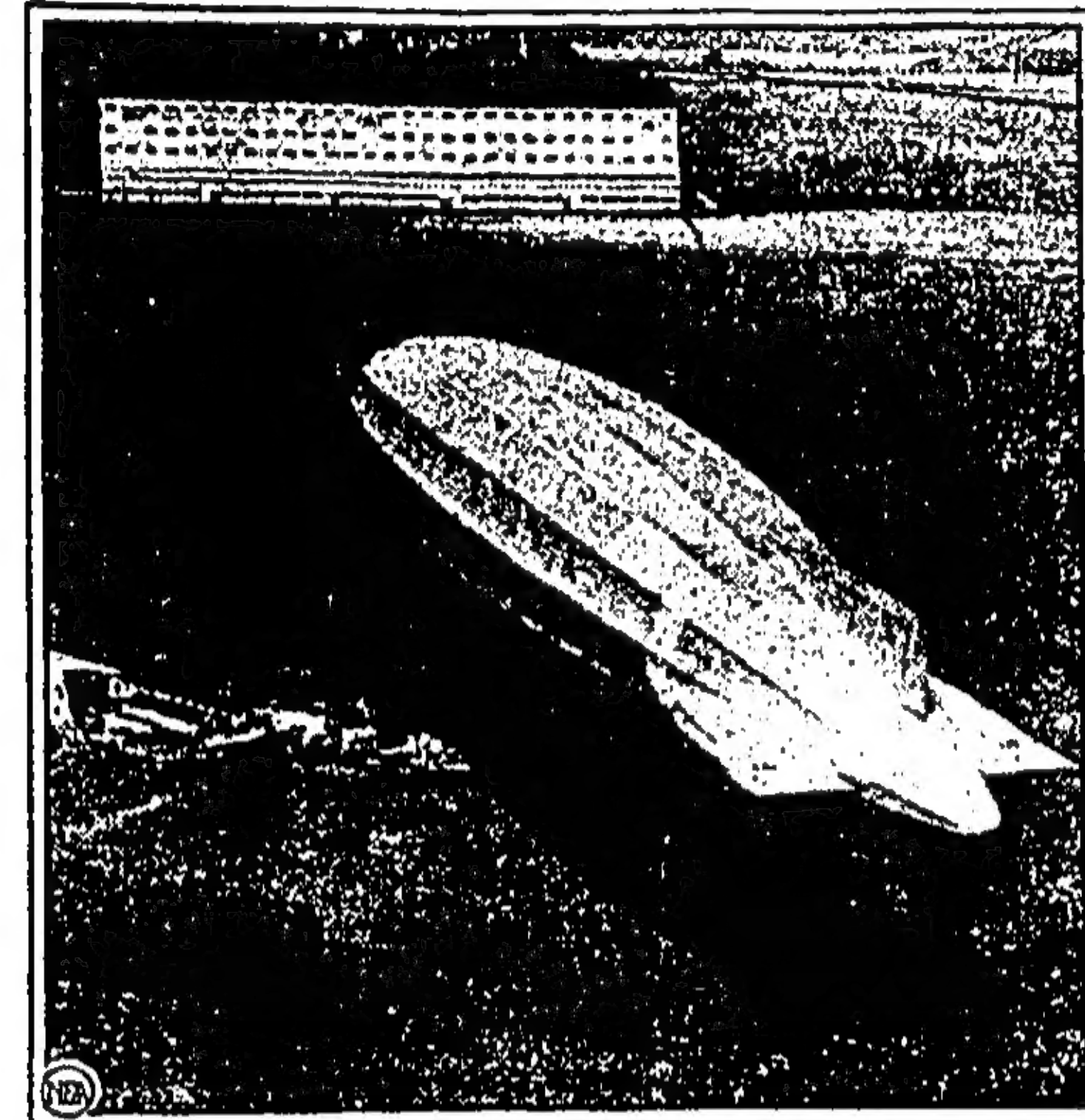
"Forget it," Bowen scoffed. He seemed vastly pleased with himself.

"But you could have got yourself killed, you fool!" Dirk protested.

"Yes, I lost a good fingernail saving your worthless hide," Bowen agreed amiably, squinting at



The King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of York and Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught are shown above in the Royal Box at the Royal Albert Hall witnessing the British Legion Festival.



The R.100 which is now being dismantled for the scrap heap.

the injured digit by the aid of a street light.

Mary was almost bursting with bewilderment, and growing more curious every minute. What is it all about?" she wailed. "You've shushed me long enough. Tell me or I'll scream!"

"You're a bright girl, you ought to know," Dirk said. "Bowen stopped that other car from coming down Nassau street, all right, didn't he? Do you know any other way he could have done it?"

Your little friends from the speakeasy were trailing us as apparently. Well, they didn't get near enough to see which door we were parked before. I guess that ends it, for to-night anyway. I might have given that cop a tip-off to keep an eye on the place, though. Wish I had."

"Then it was the Fly?" Mary cried.

"The Fly? Don't be silly." There was something about the pleasant voice in which Dirk spoke, whether he was saying something agreeable or disagreeable, that was maddening. A trick learned in the courtroom, no doubt. Whatever it was, it made one want to strike him, dent that implacable politeness somehow.

Mary drew away and looked at him through narrowed eyes, feeling the rising of a temper she had never known she had.

"Why not?"

"Is he the only thug who knows a valuable necklace when he sees it? Any crook in Christendom would have taken out after anybody with no more sense than to display a thing like that in a speakeasy! Might have been that Lon Chaney waiter, for all we know."

"But Dirk," Mary said, with ominous calm, "that car was the same car that killed Eddie. I told you that."

Dirk smiled wryly down at her. "Now don't start that all over again," he said lightly. "You could not recognize a particular car of standard make, like that, in that light, at that distance. I wouldn't put you on the stand myself with such a statement. Opposing counsel would make monkeys out of us. You saw it under similar circumstances, hitting someone, and you were already wrought up and ready to believe it was the same. Consequently you think so. That's all."

"Oh, don't be so—so legal," Mary hurled at him furiously, for lack of a more appropriate epithet. "I don't care what you say, it was the same car. I'd swear to it!" She appealed to Bowen. "Tell him!" she demanded. "Tell him it was the same car!"

But Bowen merely answered "What's the use?"

Unexpectedly even to herself, Mary began to cry. Helpless tears rained down her cheeks, and she covered her face with her hands and wept.

Bowen looked straight ahead and said nothing. Dirk patted her knee awkwardly. "Don't, sweetheart!" he begged. "You've got to see this thing straight sometime. It might as well be now."

Dirk went on, gently. "The trouble is, Mary, you're taking the whole thing too hard. You—oughtn't to blame Eddie so much. A young kid like that—you can't know what he was up against. No woman could. He—"

"I understand that he didn't do it. Do you?" Mary asked, with terrible calm. She was looking at him as at a stranger.

"Perhaps not," Dirk replied after a moment's hesitation. He flushed brick-red as he tried to meet her eyes. Unconsciously he had fallen into the habit of thinking of Eddie as a weak, tormented boy driven to stealing, and a murderer by accident. He accepted the murder as a fact, but saw extenuating circumstances.

"You think him guilty and you don't blame him," Mary said. "Well, I think him innocent of everything except the gambling charge, but I blame him just the same. He put himself in a position where anything—even this—could be said of him, and now he can never explain himself—he's dead. What if no one ever knows—the papers, I mean? The police? Do you suppose it means nothing to me that YOU think it—that your father and mother think it? Do you suppose it won't make a difference between us, always? It would be like living with a ghost. Some day I'd hate you—"

She huddled between them, dabbling her eyes with a small ball of handkerchief. If she had looked at Dirk, the hurt look that came into his eyes at her last words might have changed her, made her weaker again. But she did not look up.

Another traffic stop, and the three people sat uncomfortably silent.

While they were waiting, Dirk reached into the pocket of his top-coat, lying on the shelf back of them, and brought out the gun Bowen had given him. He balanced it on his hand in the glow of the dashlight.

"Nice little gun," he said judicially. "Got a permit to carry it?"

Mary, dressed against the two men by the narrowness of the car seat, distinctly felt Bowen start. She looked up and caught a look of embarrassment on his face.

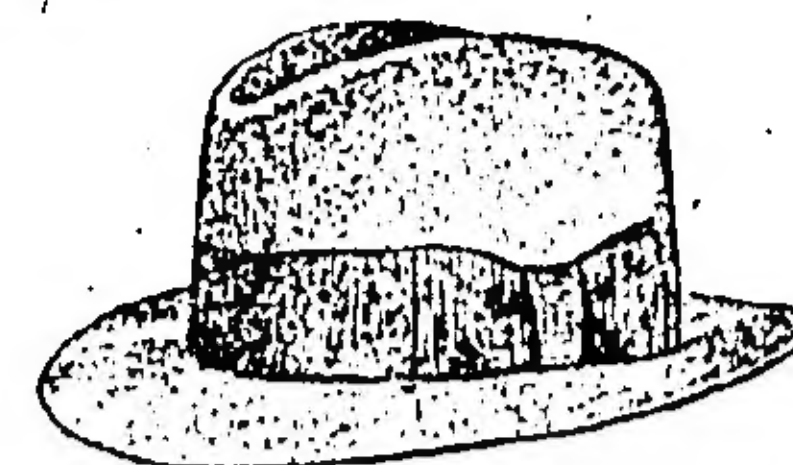
"No—no," he admitted. "It's

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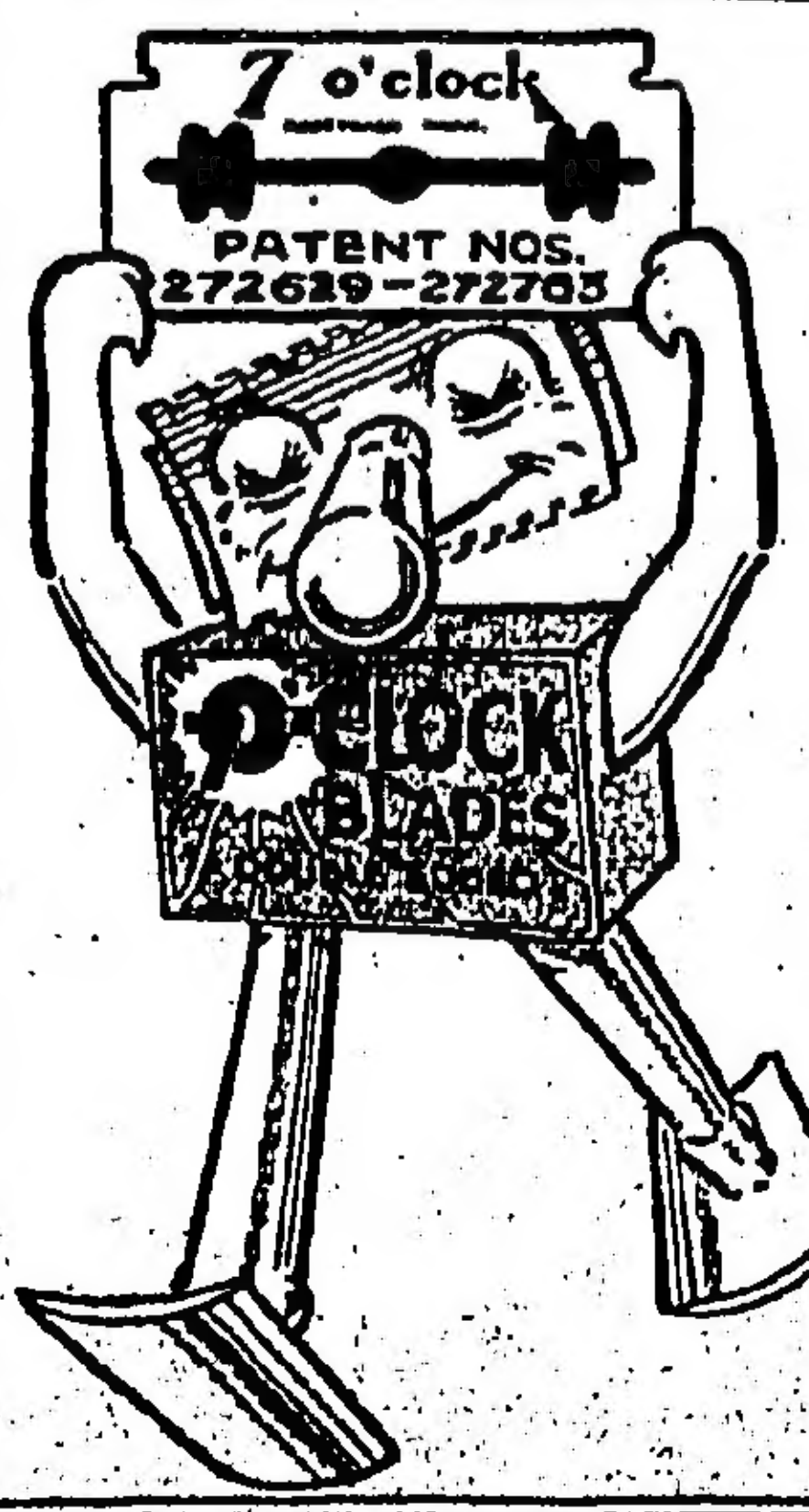
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PICTURESQUE SILHOUETTES.

However sumptuous and picturesque the model may be, its silhouette must be shapely and expressive of good line. That may be why flat furs are so well favoured.

Certainly it explains the popularity of supple materials with fur trimmings. As with frocks, so with coats, the best of the new styles fit to the figure—if without fastenings they wrap close—and there is just the merest suggestion of a flare near the hems of full-length coats.

There is no sparing of detail, and furriers anxiously plan a pattern with pelts running in different directions. The back of a beige squirrel coat I saw the other morning was most interesting on account of the arrangement of the narrow lengths of fur. They all "topped to the centre. The diagonal line is the most interesting of all. H. M. In Exchange.

FOR CAREFUL SMOKERS.

A new style of ashtrays will prove a boon to many housewives who are tired of burns on their carpets or smoking cigarette-ends in their ashtrays. A small, circular chromium-plated tray—or oxidized copper, if preferred—is fixed to a "bowl" of glass. An immediately the cigarette-end is dropped into the tray it falls into the bowl and is extinguished without any smoke or smell. These trays may be emptied and cleared in a moment, and may also be obtained with a match-box attachment or in a high, upstanding shape.

FASHION NEWS.

The New Materials.

One of the principal novelties for this season is the reintroduction of tailor-made clothes (not to be mistaken for sports clothes), which is considered the most elegant style of dressing during the day. This, however, does not prevent the dressmakers showing a good selection of woollen robes de sport.

Velvet is sure again to be a main favourite, as well as figured panne. This latter is destined, it is said, to replace satin.

Tweeds are to retain a place of honour. The new ones are extremely colourful, and some of them remind one of nothing so much as a field of many-coloured flowers seen from the air. There are many types of tweed, some are finely and closely woven, in one colour, or in two not very different shades of the same colour.

Others are so open that, in the proverbial phrase, you could aim at short peas through them, and a full of dots and bumps of colour that the entire fabric seems to be represented. Some look like ice-cream, all you examine the direction of their threads.

The jerseys, on the other hand, form a little distance apart, exactly like tweeds.

The crepe woollens have a tendency towards ever-increasing suppleness.

The broad loth weaves appear for coats, and this is one of the leading winter materials. A good many plaids appear, and even among silks we find numerous plaids.

Stripes are not so numerous, and make it seem to be doing, though they are taking a long time about it.

ANOTHER MODISH HAT.



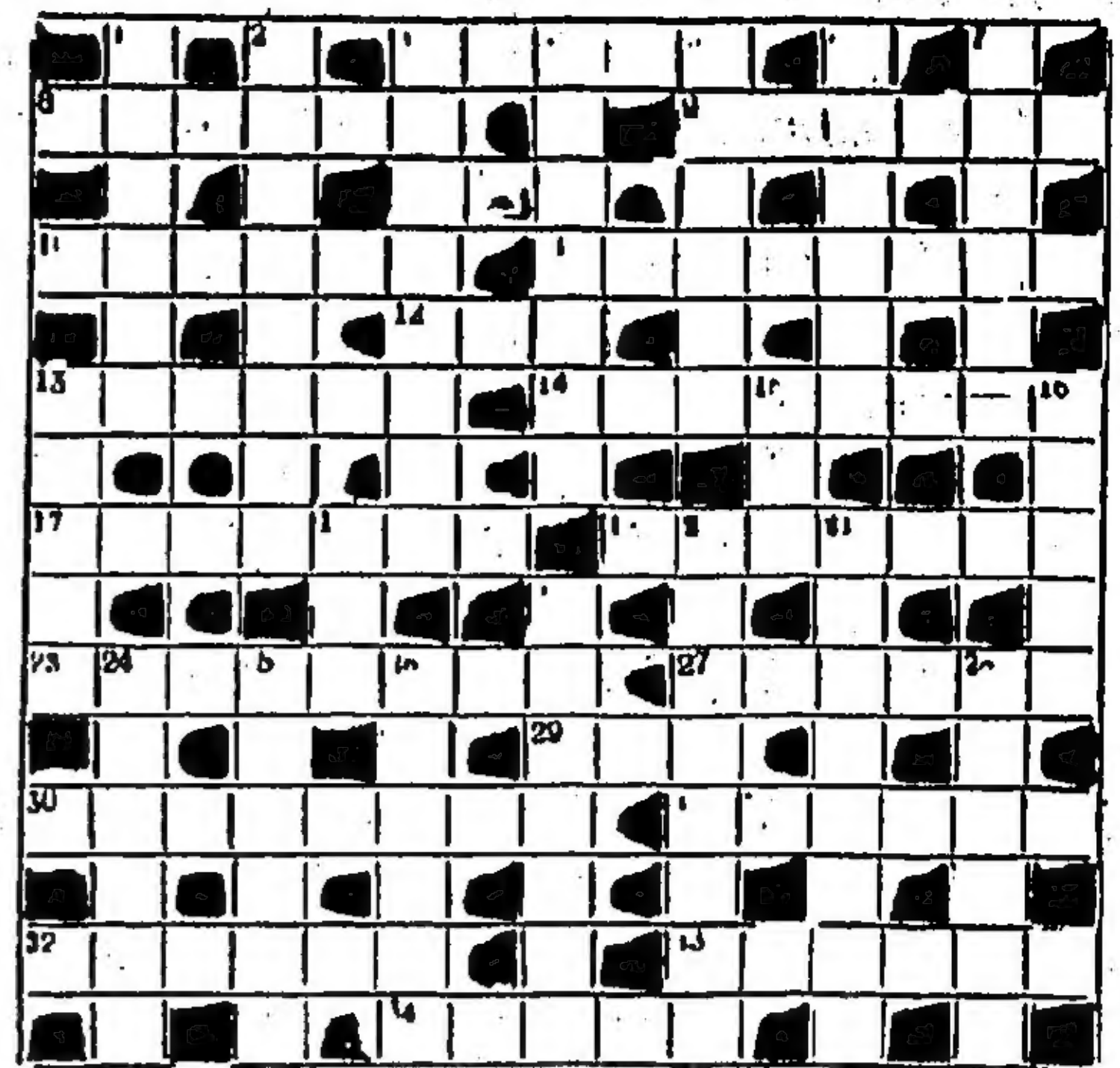
Dark Intrigue

Here is a little modified Empress Eugenie hat that combines the ease of last year's knitted turbans with the chic of this year's lines. It is brown wool, and has brown and beige Arabian rolls around its headline. It has a jaunty glass ornament through which the rolls run.

BOWLER HAT.

A chestnut-brown felt hat in the "bowler" shape has a novel decoration. Three tiny curled feathers, one cream one beige, and one brown, are arranged exactly in the position of the brim, which is narrow, and curls up from the face.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- Not well in a boat after it does this.
 - Went off with a bang, perhaps. Anyway, there's a fragment still there.
 - Little Collins heralded a great boom after this in the 'Nineties.
 - May be of rock or steel, and is intimately associated with 12.
 - Thronging.
 - Conveys a request in courteous letters.
 - It may give this to cold meat.
 - If the second part is like the first part it will be difficult to comb, you may rest assured on this.
 - This is becoming increasingly difficult in all cities.
 - When well, this kind of child would, presumably, have merited Solomon's approval.
 - Here the sand is beside you—and hundreds are also included.
 - A gale envelops the mountain, and my end is seen.
 - Still you are there.
 - Mixed up with the stars—many of whom display its first.
 - Said.
 - Ariadne's clue.
 - This little animal saved the life of Frederick the Great, at the cost of its own. Another one gave Scotland a king.
 - Another Scot seems to have crowded out everyone else from this meeting.

Down

- Withdraw formally from association.
- The glad eye from beneath a cloche hat may deceive in just the same way.
- A shepherd lover.
- You will find this troublesome.

- An island fills half of this stretch of water.
- What East Coast English town is larger than the capital of Italy?
- Let's train it. The bus is terribly slow, and some of the corners are nasty (hidden).
- The old sonker has turned up to put the plants into larger pots.
- Drink this, and eat, maybe.
- Ruefully.
- Sit for a change: 'tis much the same.
- Lack of confidence.
- Stop with a broken clergyman if you want to be irritable.
- Pastoral.
- Elevation.
- Faustly asserted that "Eight yards of—ground, is three-acres and ten miles aloof with me."
- What is to be done.
- This weapon sounds like a useful cat.

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BOOM IN DRESS SUITS.

AMAZING HAPPENING IN BRITAIN.

An amazing thing is happening in Britain—everybody, from the butcher's boy to the railway porter, is buying a dress suit!

Mr. E. A. Taylor, editor of the "Outfitter," stated recently, "At least twenty times as many are sold as in 1914."

"The numbers have probably trebled in the last two or three years. One wholesaler, I know, has delivered 3,000 this year. "It is probably an under-statement to say that 20,000 dress suits a year are sold in the East End of London; and £500,000 a year is a fair estimate of the extra trade brought to British shopkeepers."

Men wear evening dress to-day, according to tailors, because girls who have seen men in evening clothes at cinemas do not like going to dances with partners in their "Sunday suits."

Another tailoring authority said: "It is amazing. Nothing of similar importance has happened in the trade in living memory."

"Butcher's boys, railway porters, factory operators, omnibus conductors, warehousemen, milkmen, shop-

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Dec. 30. Yesterday.
Paris.....	86.9/10
Geneva.....	17.7/10
Berlin.....	14 1/4
Oslo.....	18 1/4
Helsingfors.....	240
Athens.....	255
Buenos Aires.....	40 1/2
Shanghai.....	1/1 1/2
New York.....	3.30 1/2
Amsterdam.....	8.15/16
Vienna.....	20 1/2
Madrid.....	30.15/16
Bucharest.....	570
Hongkong.....	1/5 1/2
Brussels.....	24 1/2
Milan.....	66.10/16
Stockholm.....	17.15/16
Prague.....	114
Lisbon.....	109 1/2
Rio.....	4 1/4
Bombay.....	1/8 1/2
Yokohama.....	2/3
Montevideo.....	31 1/2
Montreal.....	4.15 1/2
Silver (spot).....	20
" (forward) 20%.....	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

assistants—hundreds of them are buying evening suits.

"Before the war 5,000 a year were sold. A hundred thousand a year are sold now. It is all accomplished by deferred payments."

A paradoxical side to the situation is that evening dress is being worn less than ever in the West End of London!

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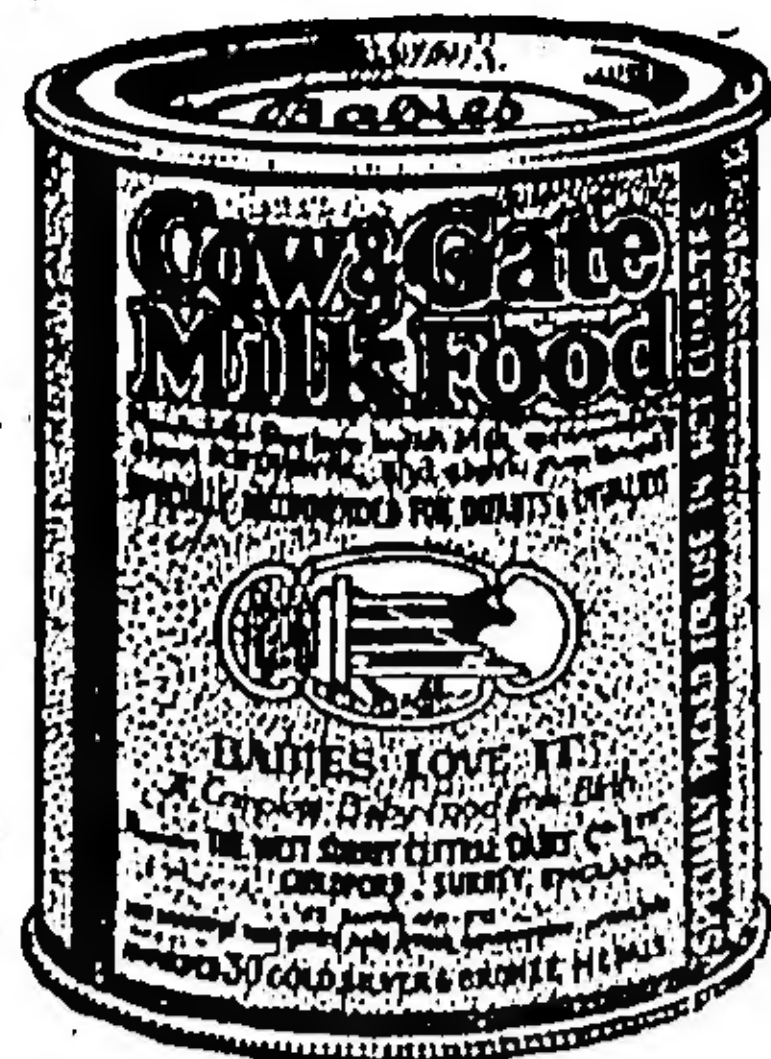
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THE CRISIS IN INDIA.

The expected has happened by the incarceration of Gandhi, whose words and activities since his return to India left no other alternative. After the cordial welcome he was given in England, and the obvious desire shown on all hands to take into full account the legitimate aspirations of the Indian nationalists, there was a hope that Gandhi would go back to his native land imbued with a determination to co-operate in the task of evolving a new and better Constitution giving the Indians a large measure of freedom and self-determination. Unfortunately, Gandhi has shown himself bereft of statesmanship. Unable to break from the role of agitator, he has chosen to adhere to the way of destructive activity rather than that of constructive policy, once again aligning himself with the forces of disorder and sedition. In the circumstances, constituted authority could do nothing else than to place him under lock and key, thus making it impossible for him to continue his mischievous agitation.

As we had occasion to observe a few days ago, no sooner had Gandhi returned than he sought to bargain with the Government. But the bargain he conceived was one in which he and his followers were to make no concessions whatever, whilst the Government were perforce to make a gesture in favour of those who defy law and order. The very fact that the Mahatma demanded the repeal of the Ordinances devised for combating terrorism and other illegal activities before he would even consider co-operation, sufficed to show that he was on the side of those whose stock-in-trade is lawlessness. By seeking to dictate terms to authority, whilst not committing himself in any way, Gandhi once again revealed his incapacity to grapple with the real-

ties of the situation. Indeed, as we analyse his utterances since his return to India, we find this streak of impracticability running through them all. Even when his meaning is clear, which is seldom, he appears mentally incapable of coming to grips with the real issue. He talks glibly of non-violence, the while knowing perfectly well that by allying himself with the forces of disorder he is encouraging his followers to extreme acts, whilst the talk by Mr. Vallabhai Patel of "a fierce war to a finish," is also indicative of the spirit animating those who have come under the sway of Gandhi. In fact, it is perfectly clear that the Congress extremists have only one creed—the realisation of their wild aims at all costs, no matter who or what goes under in the process. Happily, they are not truly representative of the bulk of Indian thought, but they are a noisy and dangerous minority whose activities must be curtailed. No-one will more rejoice in the fact that steps have now been taken to put these mischief-makers out of harm's way than those loyal Indians who have the real welfare of their country at heart.

When Gandhi talks, as he does in his message to America, of "oppressed humanity" being engaged in a deadly struggle, he cannot but be credited among those who know the facts with anything but a wilful distortion of the situation. Congress activities, as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald so well expressed it a few days ago, do not represent a baffled India struggling to be free, but merely a mischievous movement which is trampling on India's progress. British goodwill and sincerity have been abundantly, even lavishly, demonstrated in recent months; the response by Congress has been base ingratitude and consistent distortion of the facts. Thus has the latest development been created. The responsibility for the consequences must rest on Gandhi and all those who are seeking to throw India into a condition of anarchy.

Capture of Chinchow.

Military force, condoned, it must be admitted, by the diplomatic procrastination of the majority of the leading Powers, has prevailed in Manchuria. China's last hold on that vast territory has been severed with the occupation, during the week-end, of Chinchow. Advancing systematically and methodically, Japanese forces have seized every important Chinese city in their region of interest, one by one. League resolutions have been ridden over roughshod or their purposes evaded—the effect being the same whichever explanation of Japan's action is accepted. Not a word has been spoken at any League Council meeting, except by veiled inference at the repudiated October meeting, to suggest that there has been the smallest impropriety in those actions, even while it is obvious that Article Two of the Kellogg Pact has been violated, Japan having attempted to secure a settlement of a dispute with China by other than peaceful means. None has gainsaid her because she is a major Power, a fact which merely emphasises the League's failure in the most complex problem of its history. To-day, perhaps only temporarily—that only time will show—Japan is in complete possession of a huge tract of Chinese territory, exercising a control which could not be more effective had it been secured following an open declaration of war. As will Rogers said on Friday, in his commonsense-cum-humorous fashion, it is not to be wondered at that Japan is now prepared to receive a League Commission of Inquiry, though when a proposal to this end was made in September, with a chance of serving a useful purpose, Tokyo firmly vetoed it. As to the future, none can forecast with any assurance of accuracy. Japan evidently plans one of two things, annexation or the establishment of puppet local government. The probabilities are that she will, certainly for the present, choose the latter method as less likely to crystallise world opinion against her. Whatever course is adopted Tokyo will find it

DAY BY DAY

WHAT TALENTS WILL NOT DO, INDUSTRY WILL.—Henry Fawcett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart returned from Manila by the S.S. President Hoover.

The total rainfall recorded at the Botanic Gardens during December was 4.83 inches. The highest fall was 3.34 inches on the 8th.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central near Nagasaki, moving E.N.E. There is no information regarding the Pelaw typhoon.

On account of the diphtheria epidemic, the meeting of the English Association, for Mrs. C. E. L. Grist's lecture on "Magazines," has been postponed from January 5 to Tuesday, January 19, at 5.30 p.m. in the Helena May Institute.

At yesterday's sale of Crown Land at the Public Works Department, an area of about 8,028 square feet of land situated at Cheung Sha Wan was sold to Mr. Ip Sul-shan, of No. 160, Cheung Sha Wan Road. The purchase price was \$3,300, the upset price being \$3,557.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Captain Maurice Richard Burke, R.A.M.C., Sun Yat Camp, Fanling, to Miss Edith Mabel Booth, No. 53, Nathan Road, Kowloon; also the forthcoming wedding of Mr. Alberto Francisco Xavier de Souza, No. 28, Robinson Road, third floor, to Miss Maria Emelia Lobato de Faria, No. 28, Robinson Road, second floor.

A general meeting of the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Club will be held at the University Union Assembly Room to-morrow, at 8.45 p.m., when Mr. E. A. von Kobzar will give a friendly criticism of the pictures entered at the present Exhibition. The meeting will be open to the public.

Precautionary treatment against complications was administered at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday to a man and a woman who were bitten, the former by a dog near Gun Club Hill Barracks, and the latter by a monkey which was being led through the public square at Yau-mat by a man whom the police unsuccessfully attempted to locate.

The League of Nations Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ended December 26th shows the following cases, the deaths being indicated in parentheses:—Plague, Port Said 1 (1), Ranchoon 1 (1), cholera, Calcutta 19 (8); small-pox, Bagdad 4 (2), Calcutta 1 (1), Madras 2 (1), Ranchoon 4, Pondicherry 1 (1), Saigon 8 (6), Amoy 66 (20), Canton 3, Shanghai 40 (13).

Evidence to the effect that Chung King-man, first prisoner in the Kowloon City robbery trial at the Criminal Sessions, was possessed of a good character, was given at this morning's hearing. Two of the witnesses, a Chinese preacher of the London Mission, and the Assistant Manager of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, stated that they had known prisoner from birth and that he was of a very good character. The case is proceeding.

difficult to establish security for her regime. The Chinese have momentarily surrendered to might, but they have remarkable recuperative powers, while it is by no means certain that the Manchurians (including so many emigrants from other Provinces) will submit willingly or for long to their complete severance from China Proper.

A GOLF CHAMPION.

Without Clubs—Or Even a Course.

By B. L. JACOT.

THE business of golf, so the accusation runs, originated in Scotland. And that was a long time ago. At the present day, in Great Britain alone, one only has to think of a number and multiply it by the National Debt and the total courses where this game is played reveals itself.

Considering this, it seems strange to me that the progress of civilisation should have been held up until last week, when, as all the world may now know, the Secret of Golf was vouchsafed to me. No palliative, no half-measures such as the accusation of both arms, no side-stepping the issue with tasteless tablets slipped secretly into the patient's early morning tea.

Few realise that no one has mastered this game and that no one ever will—played as men now play it. The sheer genius of my idea lies in the free and absolute acceptance of this fact. That is the start in theory. In fact, it happened like this.

The First Round.

"What you should do," said the professional last Wednesday at 9.47 a.m., "is practise swinging at the ball."

"Swinging?" It seemed to me, a normal male adult, that I had been swinging for some time on that first tee, and "at the ball" summed up the result pretty neatly.

"Place an ordinary doormat on the ground anywhere in the open," he explained, "and swing over it."

"No ball?"

"No ball!" He turned back as he walked away, to add: "You won't miss it."

"If I hit a ball and didn't miss it," I told him, piqued, "it wouldn't be me." But I tried the idea. And that was the first step in the epoch-making discovery.

After I had improved the beginnings by pegging down the doormat, I found a vast improvement came over my driving. With no ball to worry about I put yards on to my length. And five times out of six I was plumb in the middle of the fairway.

"That dog's-leg seventh?" I challenged myself. "Easy." Fixing the mat sternly, I let go. A beautiful drive, all of 280 yards, and shutting my eyes proudly I watched it curve magnificently round the copse. Forty yards from the pin, but at that point just off the velvet in the longer grass. Turning the mat over, I took up my mashie-niblick. Screwing the eyes tight, I stood on one leg as that clean, crisp shot ran round the rim of the hole. Bad luck, but I sank the 12in. putt with ease.

That afternoon I took my mat down beyond the cucumber frames. With it I carried my bag of clubs, and starting from the first tee I advanced the door-mat hole by hole round the vegetable garden. The round was encouraging: only three strokes above the record for the course. This gratifying result shows, then, what can be accomplished by merely avoiding the expense of playing with a ball.

But more was to come. My old friend the professional poked his head over the fence of the kitchen garden the following morning. That fence lines the third hole,

and I suspect that the man had been looking for me on the course. He is fond of a good laugh.

A Club-less Swing

"How's it coming along?" he inquired.

I stabbed the mat with my brassie. "Fine!" And picked up a skimmer from a not-too-easy lie, placing it neatly on the green. But the professional shook his head.

"You would have topped that one," he recorded. I said nothing, although I knew it was a lie. "You're wrist-bound. Not free enough. Try swinging without the club, sir."

"No club?"

"No club. Hold your hands so—the interlocking grip—and practise getting an easy body-rhythm." When he had gone I laid aside the club. The improvement was startling. My only trouble—that of hitting the mat—disappeared. I played a perfect round, this time (I admit it with all diffidence) equalling the record for the course made by Tilden, or Tolley, or someone in 1924.

Armchair Shots.

It occurred to me as I triumphantly began another round that, since I had so far conquered golf as to play the game standing still, I no longer required the mat and the bag of clubs. I replaced the mat by the back door and carried the clubs into the study. And now one has to pause to consider the inevitable logic of this Empire-shaking discovery.

A boy on a motor-cycle had just delivered the morning papers. The Daily Mail lay on my desk. As I reached for it and sank into my favourite armchair like a flash the thought came to me that with the astounding improvement in my driving I might be able to carry the bunkers making the first green at 300 yards.

Full of confidence—the quick uplift of spirit that comes of smashing through obstacles which hitherto have defeated man—full, then, of beans at scoring over Colonel Bogey at his own game, I addressed the ball on that first tee. Long shall I remember that drive. Sailing over the bunkers it bounded on to the green. Twice, in the distance, I saw it bounce, then it trickled neatly over the velvet to within a push of the pin.

With a round so auspiciously begun, there was nothing I could do but continue for the remaining seventeen holes. Putting aside for the moment my morning paper, I lay back in the chair. And the result? Believe it or not, a new record for the course!

It seemed then that nothing could be added to my invention. One had no balls, no clubs, no subscriptions, no caddies—in fact, no courses at all. Everyone has somewhere to sit quietly and think. Could it be simpler than this? I pondered.

Complete Triumph.

In Paris, three statues of Pasteur stand to commemorate man's victory over hydrophobia. How many, I wondered wistfully, shall London show to mark man's victory over the age-old demon of golf? I dreamt of myself rendered in Scottish granite, addressing an imaginary ball with a hypothetical club, but it was not until morning, with the early cup of tea, that my contribution to man's happiness was rounded off into completeness—the fervid touch that lingers where Genius has passed.

Came the time, as I put aside the empty cup, when a man must think of parting company with his warm bed—the time to dress, breakfast, and face the morning round of golf. That loathly moment came—and with it came sanity! "You have, for the benefit of posterity, reduced this wearing game of golf," I told myself, "to the ease and comfort of reflection in a fireside armchair. Why an armchair?"

Like all great things, it seemed so simple then. With a grateful yawn I returned to the pillows and, waggling a club, addressed the ball on the first tee. It is not everyone who has ideas like that.

THIS TALKIE STUFF.

"GEORGE, dear," said Mrs. Jones, coming into the sitting-room where her husband was comfortably perusing his evening paper.

"Yes, Mabel," answered Mr. Jones. "What's the trouble?"

"It's Bobbie," said Mrs. Jones. "I do wish you would speak to him about his language."

"Has he been swearing again?" asked Mr. Jones with a frown.

"No, it isn't that," hastily explained his wife. "It's that dread-

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"Now get this next verse. It's the one that's going to make 'em buy your washing machine."

SUN FO'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO NATION.

Seeking Voice of Public Opinion.

THE HOPES OF 1932.

Sun Fo, the New President of the Executive Yuan, has issued a New Year message to the nation, urging the people of China to co-operate with the government so that China may find during 1932 a road to peace and prosperity.

The message reads:—
"The Republic of China was established twenty years ago. During those years hardly a day has passed without the country experiencing anxiety and disturbance. These unfortunate years are now over."

"It is only natural that we should hope that China will hereafter be strong and prosperous, but, whether or not that wish is fulfilled depends upon our ability to make the coming year an epoch-making one in China's long history. The responsibility rests with the people of China and especially with those members of the Kuomintang who have been entrusted with the task of reconstructing our nation."

Bound to be Obstacles.

"In view of the unfortunate occurrences of the past, many people have frankly expressed their pessimism regarding China's future. Many have been disillusioned and some have fallen into a state of complete despair. Such is not the proper attitude of a revolutionary. China has a glorious history. We must understand that during a period of transition there are bound to be obstacles and difficulties. It is for us to grind our teeth and to push forward, whatever hardships we find on our way. Only by cultivating a spirit of perseverance and patience shall we finally remove all obstacles and reach the road to prosperity. The life history of Dr. Sun Yat-sen should set an excellent example for us."

Military Dictatorship.

"The fundamental cause of our troubles in the past 20 years has been military dictatorship. This is no evident that no explanations are necessary. The reason why the military group could dictate State affairs was chiefly due to the absence of any force stronger than the military. There are, roughly, three political forces in China; firstly, the military, secondly, the politicians, and thirdly, the people. During the past 20 years the people were either unorganised or not properly organised, so that their influence was not felt. The politicians only knew how to solve political problems in accordance with the prevailing military situation. These politicians were really the tools of the military and, as a result, the military group dominated China's political life."

A Wrong Impression.

"A popular theory has thus come into existence that the military with rifles are always powerful, whereas the civilians, without rifles, are naturally weak. In order to find a new road for China, we must try to eradicate this entirely wrong impression from the mind of the people. I sincerely hope that the military and the politicians will realise their mistakes after seeing the consequences of their administration during the past 20 years."

"Merely changing the mind of the people alone, however, will not help the country materially. The people of China must organise themselves according to their profession and locality. As soon as the people of this nation are properly organised, public opinion will become effective and the political leaders of the country will have proper support in their handling of the affairs of State. The evils attendant upon the settling of disputes by armed force will then be removed. If the people are not organised, although the Government may be sincere in its desire to encourage mass movements, the people's rights will still remain merely a matter of phraseology. Without proper backing from the masses, the people will never enjoy fully their rights and privileges."

Great Sacrifice.

"In conclusion I wish to say, a few words about the organisation of the new Government. The revision of the organic laws of the National Government and the re-organisation of the Government were brought about only after great sacrifices had been made. I firmly believe that the change will meet the unanimous support of the nation. I also believe that only by faithfully adhering to the

NEW YEAR GOLF MEETING.

RESULTS OF FOUR CONTESTS.

The following were the results of the New Year golf meeting held under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

Bogey Pool (New Course).—G. E. R. Divett (14), three up, won. C. W. F. Booker (4) was one down. Eleven entries.

A. B. Stewart Cup (New Course).—G. E. R. Divett (14), three up, won. Sixty-four entries. Mixed Medal (New Course).—Cancelled owing to lack of entries.

Medal Round (Old Course).—Capt. J. H. Anderson won with a score of 76 (81-5). Sixteen entries.

Bogey Pool (Old Course).—W. R. Vallance (10), one up won. G. E. R. Divett (14), all square, was second. Other scores included L. G. S. Dowdell (5), Col. R. B. Skinner (8) and H. L. Schultz (17), all one down. Eighty-two entries.

WUCHOW SEES THE NEW YEAR IN.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED FOR THE DAY.

Wuchow, Jan. 1. This morning the explosion of thousands of fire-crackers, set off by the business men and shop-owners of Wuchow, ushered in the New Year.

That the foreign calendar rather than the lunar one is recognised officially is evidenced by the fact that the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Wuchow Post Office observed New Year's Day by closing their offices to business. A general holiday was declared, the common and middle schools suspended classes, and business houses ceased their trade for the day, thus leaving the business quarters of the city rather deserted. In the afternoon the local troops of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts gave an excellent exhibition of drilling on the main parade grounds.—Our Own Correspondent.

ROBOT CONTROL FOR FIRE SIGNALS.

INVENTION TO EASE TASK OF BRIGADES.

London, Dec. 31. An electric robot that controls street traffic during fire alarms has been produced by two London engineers.

The robot, which reduces the journey of an engine from the station to the scene of a fire to less than half the time previously taken, is being put into operation at Hull to-day.

When a brigade receives a call to a fire, the robot, by the operation of a switch, sets at "danger" all traffic signals along the route to the scene of the fire. It also informs policemen on duty along the route of the number of fire engines engaged and illuminates across road signs reading "Stop! Fire engines coming."—*Reuter*.

LOW WATER ON WEST RIVER.

SANDBAR HINDERS NAVIGATION.

Wuchow, Jan. 1. At present the water on the West River at Wuchow is extremely low for this season of the year. Just below the Wuchow harbour, a sandbar has appeared which is a serious problem to navigation. Some of the larger boats pass the shallow spot with great difficulty, and one is unable to clear the bar.

However, the low water did not prevent H. M. S. Cleland from making its scheduled visit to Wuchow.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

principles which form the basis of the present change can we have real democracy in China. "I have been elected to occupy the most important post in the new Government. Although knowing full well that I am not equal to the task, I decided that it was my duty to accept the appointment at this time of grave national crisis and I have done so in accordance with the peerless spirit of our late leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen. I shall do my utmost and I trust that the people of the nation will co-operate with me. It is especially my wish that public opinion may find full freedom of expression in the press, so that a complete understanding may be established between the Government and the people and that they may co-operate with each other in their new undertaking."

DEATH OF PRISON WARDER.

MR. C. V. HAGAN DIES IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. Christopher Vincent Hagan, a warder of the Prison Department, died at the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday night, a victim of pleurisy, double pneumonia and meningitis.

The late Mr. Hagan was formerly with the King's Regiment, from which he passed out in April, 1924, to join the Prison Staff of Victoria Gaol. A keen sportsman, with a particular penchant for boxing, he participated in tournaments held by the Hongkong Police Force, while he was extremely popular with his colleagues and a large circle of friends outside. His death at the comparatively early age of 40 years, is much regretted. Much sympathy goes out to the widow who is in the Colony.

The funeral, which took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery last evening, was marked by full military honours, by virtue of the deceased's former connexion with the Army. A firing party, band and buglers from the South Wales Borderers preceded the cortege, and the rear was brought up by a detachment of European and Indian warders from the Victoria and Leichikok Prisons.

Amongst those present were Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, Chief Warder Buchanan, Mr. P. Grant, Chief Inspector of Police, Dr. Griffiths, Medical Officer of Victoria Gaol, and ex-members of the King's Regiment. A wealth of wreaths testified to the great esteem in which the deceased was held.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The morning session opened quite featureless, with the exception of a strong demand for H.K. Electric and Trams.

Sales.

Trams, \$22.30.
Hotels (old), \$15.74.
H.K. Electric, \$1.250.

Buyers.

Wharves, \$15.34.
Hotels (old), \$15.20.
Chinese Estates, \$96.
Telephones (part paid), \$29.
Cements (old), \$12.7.
Dairy Farm, \$23.
Fowells, \$3.35.
Providents (old), \$5.4.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
H.K. Electric, \$79.
Singapore Tractors, 3/-.
Agricultures, \$10.74.
Watsons, \$16.90.
Constructions (new), \$1.80.

Sellers.

Canton Insurance, \$1.750.
Indo-China (Pref.), \$45.
Indo-China (Def.), \$32.
China Underwriters, \$4.90.
Rabbs, \$39.
Entertainments (old), \$16.5.

HOME TELEVISION IN TWO YEARS.

PREDICTION AT BAIRD MEETING.

London, Dec. 31. Television in homes and theatres within two years was the prediction made by Major Church, one of the directors, at the annual general meeting to-day of the Baird Television Company.

By then, he stated, the radio manufacturers in Britain and in other countries would be devoting most of their plants to the production of television apparatus.

"Television is no longer restricted to cinema views of the head and shoulders," stated Lord Amthill. "It is now possible to transmit a scene consisting of a group of several persons and to broadcast specially written plays."

FOURTEEN MILLION TELEPHONES.

BIG GROWTH IN LONDON SYSTEM.

London, Dec. 30. According to statistics issued to-day, the number of telephone calls in London has increased from eight million in 1923 to fourteen million in 1931.

Special exchanges are being constructed by the General Post Office to deal with overseas traffic and London promises to be the centre of what may before many years become a world telephone exchange.

Already subscribers in Britain are able to converse by telephone with people in many parts of the world and both South Africa and Japan will soon be able to take calls.—*Reuter*.

MORE TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

FINES IMPOSED BY MAGISTRATE.

In prosecuting a Chinese motor cyclist on a summons for negligent driving in Percival Street, Sub-Inspector Nicol informed Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, that the defendant was about to turn into Lockhart Road when he saw the officer and suddenly swung to the right across the road to the pavement.

The defendant admitted the summons and was fined \$15.

A lorry driver, accused of driving at a speed of 32 miles an hour, was fined \$15 by his Worship on a plea of guilty being entered.

For failing to report an accident to the police, the driver of a public car was fined \$25. The defendant was stated by Sergeant Delahanty to have knocked down a woman in Wing Lok Street and then to have driven off. The officer saw a basket on the bumper of the car and stopped the driver. As he was approaching the crowd to secure particulars, the defendant drove away.

CONGRESS BID FOR CONTROL.

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of the Round Table Conference. The three committees fore-shadowed in that statement will embark for India on January 16 to pursue the enquiries necessary for the completion of the constitutional plan.

Consultative Committee.

Furthermore, a Consultative Committee of the Round Table Conference is being set up in India to examine other aspects of the problem. Gandhi's name was included in the list of its members.

It is the considered policy of the British Government to pursue steadily a plan of negotiation with the object of obtaining the greatest measure of agreement on constitutional questions, and to bring to their consideration every leader of India opinion who is willing to co-operate.

No Hesitation.

Whilst the alternative constitutional organism is being brought into existence, the Government will carry out, without hesitation, its responsibilities for order in India, and calls for the support of every Indian who desires to guard his country from widespread disorder and misery.

The Prime Minister, who is in Lissleworth, is in constant touch by telephone with Downing Street and has been kept fully informed of the latest events in India.—*British Wireless*.

LADY BATTERSEA'S 20-PAGE WILL.

GIFT TO THE QUEEN.

The twenty-page will of Countess Lady Battersea, of Overstrand, near Cromer, whose estate has been valued at £200,000, "so far as can at present be ascertained," begins:

"I die in the Jewish Faith, in which I was born and brought up, but at the same time I am anxious to record my fervent admiration and deep respect for such teaching of the Christian Church as leads to purity of life and right conduct."

Legacies left by Lady Battersea include: To the Queen, a gift and jewelled cabinet inscribed "From Charles I. to Henrietta Maria." To Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, a picture of Worcester Cathedral.

Lady Battersea also left £10,000 between the Cromer Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital, Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women and the Jewish Board of Guardians.

AUSTRIAN CITY NEAR BANKRUPTCY.

MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS CEASE IF STATE AID FAILS.

St. Eyr, Dec. 31. With over half its citizens living on the "dole" and over 80 per cent. of its children under-fed, this former flourishing town in Upper Austria, at one time the centre of the iron industry, threatens to declare itself bankrupt.

It is announced to-day that the schools will be closed, public lighting will be suspended, the streets will not be cleaned and all payment of public employees will be stopped unless the State or province can render assistance.—*Reuter*.

RADIO BROADCAST

PROGRAMME OF RECORD MUSIC.

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5.00-5.00 p.m. European programme of Columbia records.

5.00-5.30 p.m. Operatic.

Song-Il Trovatore-D'Amor sull' all' (Verdi).
Song-Aida-O Patria Mia (Verdi).
Eva Turner (Soprano). L2168.
Cello Solo-The Metatrangers-Prize Song (Wagner arr. Squire).

W. H. Squire. L2168.
Orchestral-Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni)-Introduction.
The British National Opera Company's Orchestra.

Song-Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni and Squire).
Heddie Nash (Tenor). 5127.
Chorus-Rigoletto-Quartette (Verdi).
Daughter of the Graces (Verdi).
Maria Gentile, Ebe Signani, Alessandro Granda and Carlo Galotti. L2310.

5.30-6.05 p.m. A Concert.

Piano Solo-Country Gardens (Grainger).

Piano Solo-Shepherd's Hey (Grainger).

Percy Grainger. D1034.
Song-A Fairy Went A-Marketing (Fyfe and Goodhart).

Song-Down Here (O'Reilly and Brahe).

Dame Clara Butt (Contralto). PB5.
Octet-Serenade (Gounod arr. Sear).

Octet-Extase (Ganne).

The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 4382.
Songs-Four Indian Love Lyrics (Woodford-Finden).

Kenneth Walters (Baritone). G8262R.
Piano Duet-The Bee's Wedding (Mendelssohn arr. Corder).

Piano Duet-Valise in D Flat (Chopin arr. Corder).

Dorothy Folkard and Muriel Warne. 3944.

6.05-6.33 p.m. Vocal Gems from Gilbert and Sullivan.

Iolanthe.
The Pirates of Penzance.
The Mikado.

Columbia Light Opera Company. DX17, 9622, and 9581.

7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations, mail notice, etc.).

6.33-7.15 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral-Neapolitan Nights.
Orchestral-The Midnight Waltz.
The London Novelty Orch. MR164.

Song-He's my Secret Passion.
Song-Moanin' Low.

Greta Keller (Contralto). MR297.
Orchestral-The Windmill Man. Selection.

Court Symphony Orchestra. 9520.
Vocal Duet-When It's Sunset on the Nile.

Vocal Duet-I Lost my Gal Again. Sweet and Low. MY300.

Instrumental-Hawaiian Capers.
Instrumental-Tickling the Strings.
King Nawah's Hawaiians. DB225.

7.15-8.00 p.m. Orchestral.

Four Ways, Suite (Eric Coates).
Royal Cinema Orchestra conducted by Emanuel Starker. 9756-9757.

Rosamunde-Overture (Schubert).
Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.

Summer Days Suite (Eric Coates)-In a Country Lane-On the Edge of the Lake-At the Dance.

New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates. 9369-9370.

Wood Nymphs (Eric Coates).
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates. 9370.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.

8.03-11.30 p.m. Relay from the Ho Shing Theatre.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.

11.30 p.m. Close down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

ETON ECONOMISES.

KNICKERBOCKERS BANNED.

Flannel knickerbockers have been banned at Eton College until further notice—in the interests of economy.

New regulations, signed by the Bonts Captain and the Captain of the Eleven, order that:

1.—No flannel knickerbockers will be worn after the end of this half. Boys who under the present system have their shorts, will be allowed to wear a House colour top to their stockings.

2.—House-coloured scarves only will be allowed after the end of the summer half.

3.—Blazers may be worn only by the Eight, the Eleven, Keeper of Rackets and the Twenty-two. The Second Eight may wear one of the blazers to which they are normally entitled.

4.—No trimmed zephyrs are allowed, except to members of the Eight and Second Eight, and to those rowing in the final of the House Fours.

5.—No flags for Wet Bob races are allowed, except for those who reach the final, and they alone may put up such flags in their rooms.

6.—Twenty-two, fives, choices and mixed wall stockings are not allowed.

The regulations are issued by order of the Athletic Committee.



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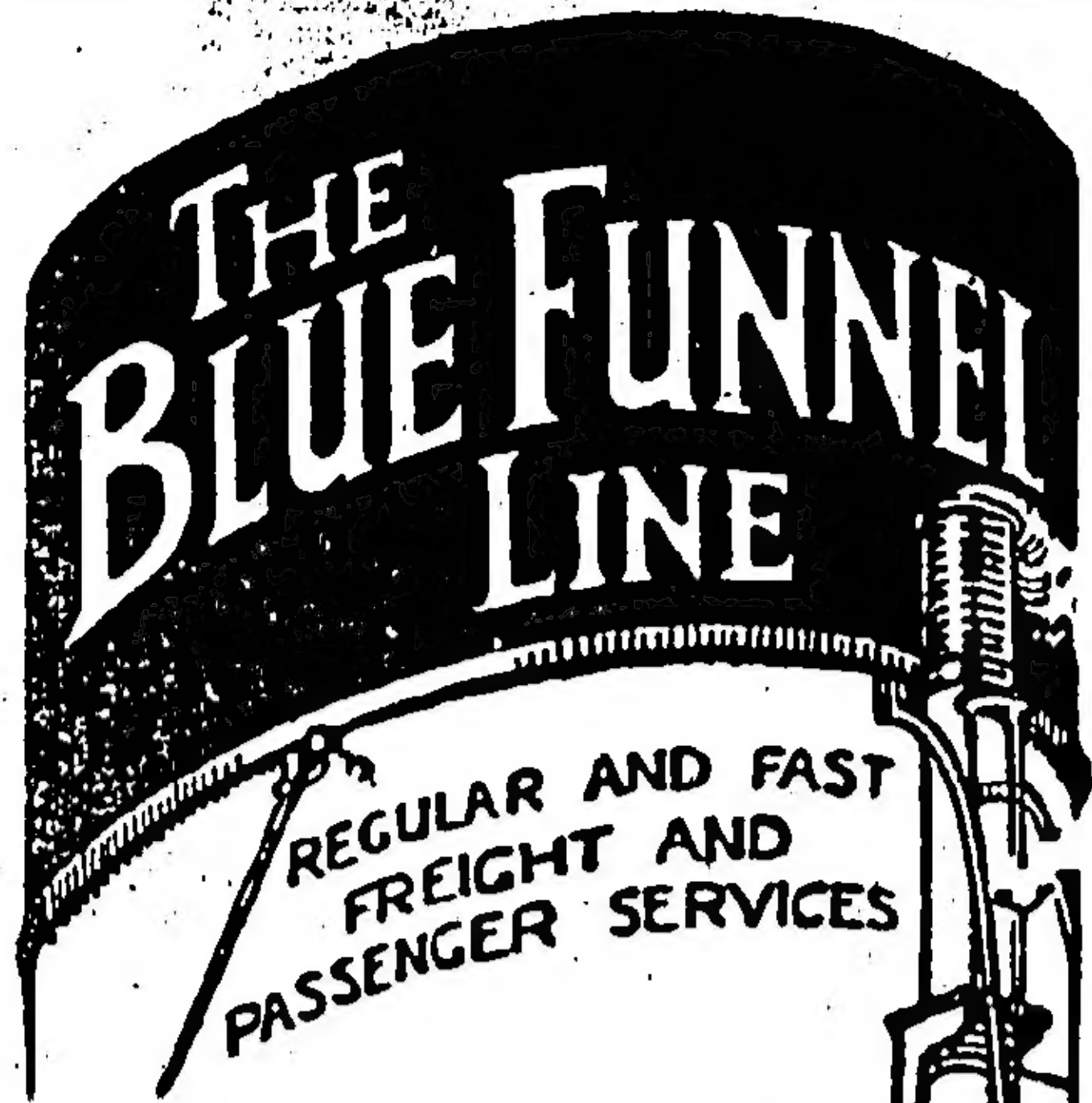
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THE DOG RACING AT MACAO.

RESULTS OF WEEK-END CONTESTS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, Jan. 4.
 Greyhound racing is all the craze at Macao and the attendance on Saturday and Sunday nights was all that could be desired, with a goodly sprinkling of persons from Hongkong and elsewhere.
 There is some talk of holding afternoon racing on Sundays, in the future, for the convenience of Canton and Hongkong visitors.

The Results.

The results of Saturday's racing were as follows:
 The Amoy Stakes, 300 Yards.
 M. G. R. C.'s My Choice 1
 Mr. R. V. U. Wang's Yellow Dragon 2
 M. G. R. C.'s Express 3
 Time: 19.00 secs. 1 length; 1/2 length.
 Pari-mutuel: Winner \$42.60; Places: \$9.50, \$5.70, \$7.70.

The Swatow Stakes, 300 Yards.
 M. G. R. C.'s Frontier Ladder 1
 Mr. C. H. Henry Chan's Hector 2
 Mr. K. T. Wang's Ben Bill 3
 Time: 19.00 secs. 12 lengths; 0 lengths.

The Kowloon Stakes, 300 Yards.
 Mr. Jimmy's Square Deal 1
 Mrs. A. H. Bolassere's Spring Day 2
 Mr. Zee Tsong Tuck's Can Go 3
 Time: 19.00 secs. 5 lengths; 3 lengths.
 Pari-mutuel: Winner \$7.60; Places: \$3.80, \$5.70, \$5.

The Flora Hurdles, 300 Yards.
 Mr. Zee Tsong Tuck's Sunny Jim 1
 Mr. Zee Tsong Tuck's Sunny Jim 2
 M. G. R. C.'s Hlawatha 3
 Time: 20.70 secs. 1 length; 1 1/2 lengths.

The Canton Stakes, 500 Yards.
 Sultana's Queen Mag 1
 Mr. P. P. Ling's Great Delight 2
 M. G. R. C.'s Dusty Maid 3
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MR. DOLLAR'S NEW YEAR SURPRISE.

Higher freight rates, Mr. R. Stanley Dollar, President of the Dollar Steamship Co., frankly advocated during an interview with the Singapore Free Press upon his arrival on board the President Harrison. "I don't mean between the Straits and America only, of course," said Mr. Dollar, "but on all routes generally. There ought to be more co-operation; the shipping lines ought all to get together and stabilize rates and since they're losing on the rates as they go today stabilize them on a higher level."

"Some of them are being forced to drop out of routes as it is. Not that this is the case with the Dollar line, of course, because we've got to carry on whatever happens, since we carry mails too."

Asked if an increase in the rates on the Dollar line was to be in the nature of a New Year surprise for shippers, Mr. Dollar said their rates would not be increased until other lines increased theirs. He did not know who would make the first move but he felt they were all beginning to realize that they had "come to the end of their tether," so to speak, and must make a joint effort to co-operate and make a joint move for their own sakes.

Mr. Dollar evinced considerable interest in the story of Mr. E. A. Barbour's rubber ship, of which he had not had apparently much previous knowledge, and at the conclusion commented this would not have been possible if all the lines worked in co-operation as he suggested. Was Mr. Barbour contemplating another charter?

G81 Per Ton Increase.

"Supposing you were to increase freights by G.81 per ton you would help the shipping lines tremendously. That would pull us out of our trouble, wouldn't it?" (Mr. Dollar asked of the Dollar Steamship Company's Singapore representative, Mr. R. R. Bates, who was present). And it wouldn't affect commodities hardly at all.

"Then again if you stabilize freights you will be able to stabilize commodities, too, which is obviously beneficial."

Speaking of the Dollar Steamship Co.'s recent merger with the United States and Roosevelt lines, Mr. Dollar said they would now operate on the Atlantic as well as on the Pacific. The American Government had been very anxious for them to build up the American Atlantic service, which was before not very strong, and that was the way they intended to do it.

Father's Fine Recovery.

Mr. Stanley Dollar, who is accompanied on a round-the-world voyage by Mrs. Dollar, Mr. Stanley Dollar Jr., and Miss Diana Dollar, had very welcome news to give with regard to his father's health. He revealed that Mr. Robert Dollar (the founder of the famous line) had made a fine recovery and was now attending the office at 8.40 a.m. every morning, working a full day, and taking a keen interest in the business of the company, of which he is now chairman of the board.

Mr. Robert Dollar is now 87 years of age.

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SERVICES BILLIARDS.

NG SZE-KWONG CHALLENGE CUPS.

Playing at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night in the second round of the Services billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cup, H.M.S. Kent met and defeated the team from the destroyer Serapia. It was a very fine match from beginning to end, the play of Marine Winter, Leading Stoker Cunliffe and Chief Stoker Leclerc at times reaching the point of brilliancy. Marine Winter finished his game in the half-hour and compiled his score with the help of some very useful and well-earned breaks. Marine Winter is a very consistent player and whilst he is at the table commands attention and applause. His opponent P. O. Parker had little chance to get going which accounts for the small number of points he was able to secure.

Chief Stoker Leclerc met one of the Kent's best players in Bandman Coulson and his victory is very creditable in face of the opposition. Coulson fought hard to avoid defeat but Leclerc on the top of his form was able to claim the game with a 17 point lead.

Leading Stoker Cunliffe delighted the spectators with a fine exhibition of clean and clever play and was a winner from the start of his game. He seldom went to the table without making double figures and eventually won by the handsome margin of 97.

Special mention should be made of Leading Seaman Belton who is the Captain of the Kent's team. Belton takes a very keen interest in the game and in a very unselfish spirit has purposely left himself out of the Kent's team. His exhibition last night (after substituting for one of his players unable to attend) causes one to ask why it is he is not playing regularly. Belton is no novice with a cue and he wielded it to great advantage in his game against C.P.O. Welch, leading at one period by over 60 points. He eventually proved his value as a member of the team by taking the game with a lead of 43.

Leading Seaman Holden who lost his game in the 1st Round looked as though he was going to repeat the performance when S.B.A. Kearney had through careful play commanded a lead of over 30, but Holden made a splendid recovery just before reaching the 100 mark and entered on the last 50 slightly in the lead. This he maintained until the end eventually running out the winner by 23 points.

The results of last night's games were as follows:

H.M.S. Kent.
 Marine Winter 150
 L/Stkr. Cunliffe 150
 L/Stkr. Belton 150
 L/Stkr. Holden 150
 Bdman. Coulson 183

H.M.S. Serapia.
 P. O. Parker 72
 P. O. Hecock 53
 C. P. O. Welch 107
 S. B. A. Kearney 124
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RAZOR INCIDENT ON SHIP.

LACK OF DIRECT
EVIDENCE.

DRUNKEN BRAWL.

Some doubt as to whether the charges against a seaman, William Wishart, could be proceeded with he was again produced before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on counts of inflicting grievous bodily harm on William Davidson with a razor on the a. Pentype on Jan. 1, and of assault. It was stated that defendant was drunk at the time and was not in possession of his faculties.

Detective Sub-Inspector Elston was in charge of the case for the prosecution.

Giving evidence, William Davidson, a seaman on the Pentype, said he did not remember clearly what happened on the morning of January 1. He knew he was on board with the defendant, both having had some liquor. Defendant was drunk and witness himself was under the influence of liquor. He remembered quarrelling with the defendant, later coming to blows, after which he found he had been cut with a razor.

Bo'son's Story.

Mr. J. J. Smith, bo'son of the Pentype, testified to being on board the ship until the early hours of the morning of January 1. He was not on duty at the time and had not had any liquor. He saw defendant and Davidson coming on board at about 1.30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The former was very drunk, but the latter did not seem to have had much liquor. They both went to the forecabin and remained there until near midnight, when they went on deck.

Later, witness saw Davidson striking Wishart and the two men started to fight. Witness stopped them from fighting and went back to his own room. Seeing Wishart following Davidson to the bridge deck, witness did the same and saw the two men begin to fight again. There was blood over Davidson's shirt, and, after separating the men, witness was told by Davidson that he had been cut with a razor.

Razor in Hand.

Witness took Davidson away and went back to look for Wishart whom he found with a razor in his hand. He asked him for it, but, meeting with a refusal, he struck the defendant and took away the razor, throwing it overboard.

Witness then went back to see to Davidson's injuries and sent Wishart to his room. He called the latter at about 3.30 a.m. and told him that the police were there to arrest him for cutting Davidson with the razor. He was still under the influence of drink and did not seem to understand.

CHURCH MISSION TO EAST.

PRESBYTERIANS ON
A VISIT.

Swatow, Jan. 2. The English Presbyterian Mission has been receiving a special deputation sent out by the Home Church. The leader of the deputation is the Rev. G. L. Brander, M.A., Convener-Elect of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Church. With him are associated Miss Moore and Miss Grant, who hold offices in connexion with the Women's Missionary Association of the Church, and Dr. Carruthers, who, in addition to having a special interest in the medical side of the work, is also a leading layman of the Church and Chairman of the Business Committee of the General Assembly.

Dr. Carruthers is a specialist in the history of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, who met in the time of the Great Rebellion and the early days of the Commonwealth. He has received the Doctorate of Philosophy from Edinburgh University for research work on the Westminster Confession of Faith.

The deputation has visited the Hakka country, spending ten days in Wuking-fu, and has closely examined the work and discussed the future prospects of the Mission in Swatow and Chaochow-fu. It is about to cross to Formosa, and will finish its tour of the stations of the Mission in Amoy later in the month. *Our Own Correspondent.*

Evidence was given by Sergeant Mitchell of arresting the defendant on the a. Pentype in consequence of a report received at the Water Police Station.

Inspector Elston deposed that in answer to the charges, defendant said he did not know anything about cutting Davidson.

Second Charge Fails.

His Worship said the only evidence against defendant on the first charge was that of one man and the circumstantial evidence that the complainant had received some cuts. The complainant himself had said he did not know what had happened, and nobody else saw anything of the quarrel or the fight. Defendant was hopelessly drunk at the time and was not in possession of his faculties.

As regards the second charge, evidence had been given that Davidson, the complainant, struck the defendant; therefore this charge must fail in any case.

Inspector Elston suggested that if his Worship would adjourn the case, he would bring medical evidence to testify to the mental state of the defendant at the time of the occurrence.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon for medical evidence.

ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

COMPLETE EFFORTS
IN SWATOW.

STUDENTS ACTIVE.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Swatow, Jan. 3. The anti-Japanese boycott is in full swing. Japanese ships cannot load or discharge cargo, while passengers can only board them by special arrangement with the Consulate or from private launches.

Merchants are compelled by public opinion, or the more vociferous section of it, to give their adherence to the boycott, and the holding up of large stocks of Japanese goods is becoming an increasingly serious problem.

New Year Problem.

It is estimated that some two million dollars' worth of Japanese goods is held by the shops, and inability to liquidate these makes the approaching settlement at the end of the financial year (the old-time Chinese New Year) a matter of much anxiety to many firms.

Student agitation is rife. At present, although the schools are closed for the brief New Year holidays, the student organisations are most active, carrying out a kind of "strikes" which presumably means that they continue to use the schools' school premises without being amenable to the educational authorities. This activity has compelled the Mayor to retire into seclusion.

Boycott Defections.

The rallying point of the student agitation has been dissatisfaction with the conduct of the boycott, combined with insistence on its more vigorous enforcement.

The students began their campaign by bringing to light serious defections in the accounts of the Boycott Committee and then demonstrated against the Municipal *lang-pou*, who retaliated by a shroffing up of the Boycott Committee, a united organisation technically under them. The students still are unsatisfied and are now carrying out their attack against municipal authorities themselves.

GLASGOW FLOODED.

RAIN CAUSES CLYDE
TO OVERFLOW.

London, Jan. 4. Severe floods, following heavy rain, occupied Glasgow during the week-end, when the River Clyde overflowed.

In some low-lying streets the water was six feet deep, and the police, fire brigades and volunteers rescued hundreds of people whose homes were flooded. *British Wire.*

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